

Second
Annual Report



**The
Women's Society
of
Christian Service
including
Wesleyan Service Guild**

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE A
THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
1969 - 1970

CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES 1970-1971

September 1	Local Officers Assume Office
September	Election of Local Officers — Women's Society and Guild
September 30	Local President Lists Due Conference President and Conference Secretary
October 17-18	Mid-Year Conference Guild Committee Meeting Holiday Inn — Alexandria
November 4-5	Mid-Year Meeting of Conference Executive Committee Ramada Inn — Alexandria
November 6	World Community Day
January 1	Local Officers Assume Office
January 1-15	Week of Prayer and Self-Denial
March 5	World Day of Prayer
April 11	Easter
March-April	District Annual Women's Society Meetings

DATE	DISTRICT	CHURCH
April 14	Alexandria	Palestine, Pineville
March 17	Baton Rouge	Broadmoor, Baton Rouge
April 15	Hammond	First, Covington
March 30	Lafayette	First, New Iberia
April 13	Lake Charles	First, Iowa
April 15	Monroe	Memorial, Monroe
March 31	New Orleans	Carrollton Avenue, New Orleans
March 31	Ruston	Lakeview, Minden
March 25	Shreveport	Cedar Grove, Shreveport
April 21	District Officer Training Day Horseshoe United Methodist Church, Alexandria	
June 12-13	Jurisdiction Guild Weekend Mt. Sequoyah, Fayetteville, Arkansas	
June 14-18	West Gulf Regional School of Christian Mission Mt. Sequoyah, Fayetteville, Arkansas	
July 20-23	Conference School of Christian Mission Centenary College, Shreveport	
July 23-25	Guild Weekend, Centenary College, Shreveport	
July 24-25	Cooperative Weekend of Christian Mission Centenary College, Shreveport	
September	Annual Meeting, Women's Society of Christian Service First United Methodist Church, Baton Rouge	
September	Annual Meeting, Wesleyan Service Guild First United Methodist Church, Baton Rouge	

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New Orleans, Louisiana

March 18 - 19, 1970

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Dedication



BISHOP AUBREY G. WALTON

We dedicate this Second Annual Report of the Women's Society of Christian Service and the Wesleyan Service Guild to Bishop Aubrey G. Walton as an expression of love and appreciation of his dedicated service and leadership in the Conference and in the world.

COVER OF THIS REPORT

The Emblem

The new official emblem for The United Methodist Church combines the cross and a flame symbolizing the Holy Spirit. The new emblem for Women's Societies and Wesleyan Service Guilds likewise includes the cross and flame.

The cross and flame are ancient symbols of the church dating back to the days of Christ and Pentecost. Each evokes images of sacrifice, witness and service. They remind us of both the opportunities and obligations of discipleship. Paul's ancient words to Timothy have fresh and contemporary meaning: "...I now remind you to stir into flame the gift of God which is within you". (II Timothy 1:6a--NEB)

As part of the emblem for the Women's Society and Wesleyan Service Guild these symbols remind us of our PURPOSE, that of helping women to grow in their understanding of and willingness to participate in the mission of the church. These also remind us of our heritage, of women who pioneered in the service for the church at home and abroad and in organizing women for mission service and support in many areas of need.

The shape of the emblem is likewise symbolic. It is fluid and free-flowing, suggesting change and mobility. As organized groups of women, this has been our heritage. Often at the forefront of movements for change, at times supporting the projects initiated by others, but always aware of the times and striving to move with them rather than be overwhelmed by them.

The cross, the flame, and the individual with her abilities and opportunities -- all elements of a 20th century movement for United Methodist Women.

The colors are flame and gold.

P U R P O S E
of the
**WOMEN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE
AND WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD
OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

The purpose of the Women's Society of Christian Service and Wesleyan Service Guild shall be to help women grow in the knowledge and experience of God as revealed in Jesus Christ; to challenge them to respond to God's redemptive purpose in the world, to unite them in a Christian fellowship to make Christ known through the world; and to develop a personal responsibility for the whole task of the church.

Toward the realization of this purpose, the Women's Society and Wesleyan Service Guild shall provide opportunities and resources to meet the needs and interests of women; to increase their knowledge of the concerns and responsibilities of the church in the world; and to share in Christian witness, service, and missionary outreach.

The Women's Society and Guild shall enlist workers and secure funds for the fulfillment of their responsibility in the mission of the church at home and overseas.

OUR POLICY

It is against the policy of the Women's Division to release lists of officers to any organization or commercial firm. These lists are published for use of the district and conference officers of the Louisiana Conference A Women's Society of Christian Service and are to be used only for the promotion of the work of the Women's Society.

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Year	Membership WSCS	Membership WSG	Giving
1968-69	11872	1751	\$168,683.38
1969	11678	1613	\$177,420.29

Annual Meeting

1969 – First United Methodist Church, Alexandria, March 12-14
1970 – First United Methodist Church, New Orleans, March 18-19

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**A CALLED MEETING OF WOMEN'S SOCIETY OF
CHRISTIAN SERVICE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
July 22, 1969**

During the Louisiana Conference A School of Christian Mission on Centenary College campus, the called meeting of the Executive Committee of the Women's Society of Christian Service was held in the Television Room of James' Dormitory Tuesday, July 22, 1969, at 8:15 p.m.

Mrs. C. B. McGowan, president, presided and read a prayer from *Bless This Mess* by Jo Carr and Imogene Sorley.

Mrs. McGowan stated four purposes for the meeting: (1) To receive the report from the Committee on Guidelines for expenses of Executive Committee Meetings, (2) Report of the Committee on Nominations, (3) To discuss future Conference Society sponsored Mission Tours, and (4) The use of banners at the annual meeting.

Roll Call: Those present were Mesdames C. B. McGowan, Carl Gallaher, L. C. Aycock, W. B. Gardner, R. E. Carter, Gilbert Bandel, George M. Chastain, Jr., Robert Compton, G. W. Dameron, T. C. Young, Harris Copenhaver, John Nelson, B. E. Fox, Sr., P. L. Foreman, Jesse Porter, Don Wineinger, Marvin Burgess, E. E. Cayard, J. D. Hansard, Jr., W. F. Manning, T. E. Kirkpatrick, George Thomas and Miss Mildred Evans.

Mrs. McGowan introduced and welcomed the new members of the committee.

Correspondence from The John L. Howe family was read.

The Committee on Nominations: Mrs. E. E. Cayard, chairman, reported Mrs. J. F. Rosett, conference vice president, had moved to California and had submitted her resignation. The committee met during the Annual Conference and presented the name of Mrs. Carl Gallaher to the Administrative Committee. The nominee was accepted by the committee.

Mrs. Bandel moved the acceptance of this action by the Administrative Committee. Motion seconded by Mrs. Young. Carried.

Mission Tour: Mrs. McGowan stated that Mr. and Mrs. John Oldham, counselors for former Mission Tours had volunteered their services again for a Women's Society sponsored summer tour. The Executive Committee favored the tour, but in view of the fact that this item was not included in the 1969 budget and that the 1970 budget had not been made, the project would require further consideration. The Women's Society budgets \$600 for work with youth through the Conference Program Council.

Mrs. Manning moved that work towards having a tour in the summer of 1970 with the Conference Women's Society financial support begin. Motion seconded by Mrs. Kirkpatrick. Motion carried.

Miss Evans moved that the motion made by Mrs. Manning be tabled until the Mid-Year Executive Committee meeting. Motion seconded by Mrs. Gallaher, motion carried. Miss Evans suggested that an inquiry be made as to how the \$600 for youth work is being spent by the Program Council.

Mrs. McGowan announced that the General Assembly would meet in the Coliseum in Houston, Texas, May 7-10, 1970. A quota would be issued each conference as to the number who may attend.

Enrichment-Experience as had been tentatively scheduled had been cancelled because of conflicting dates.

Mid-Year Executive Committee meeting invitation to meet in Bastrop First United Methodist Church had been withdrawn because of conflicting revival dates in that church.

Guidelines Committee for Expenses of Executive Committee Meetings: Mrs. Aycock, chairman, with Mrs. Gardner and Mrs. Kirkpatrick submitted the following recommendations:

The Committee met May 26, 1969, in Shreveport and submits the following recommendations:

1. Whenever possible, the Executive Committee Meetings be held at a centrally located place.

2. That transportation by car at the rate of seven (7) cents per mile be allowed. Car pools must be used if at all possible.

3. During the Executive Committee Meeting, reimbursement for meals be made at the rate of: \$1.00 Breakfast; \$1.50 Noon Lunch; \$2.00 Evening Meal; . . . per day per person.

4. An allowance up to \$4.50 per night per person for lodging.

5. If actual expense of meals and lodging per day is less than amounts indicated in 3 and 4, above, then actual cost will be paid.

6. Reimbursements will be made for meals and lodging only when hotel/motel and food receipts accompany voucher.

7. The name of Headquarters for the Executive Committee Meeting will be included in the call letter. Individuals will be responsible for making their own lodging arrangements.

8. The above recommendations shall become effective beginning with the 1969 Mid-Year Executive Committee Meeting.

Mrs. Aycock moved the adoption of recommendations. Motion seconded and carried.

Mrs. Manning moved that the Mid-Year meeting, October 14-15, 1969, be held at the Ramada Inn in Alexandria. Motion seconded by Mrs. Fox and carried.

Adjournment: The group formed a friendship circle while Mrs. McGowan dismissed the meeting with prayer.

Mrs. L. C. Aycock, Secretary
Mrs. C. B. McGowan, President

Approved by the Executive Committee October 15, 1969

MID-YEAR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Women's Society of Christian Service

Alexandria, Louisiana

October 15-16, 1969

The Mid-Year Executive Committee Meeting of the Louisiana Conference A Women's Society of Christian Service was convened at 1:45 p.m. Wednesday, October 15, 1969, in a conference room at the Ramada Inn in Alexandria, with the president, Mrs. C. B. McGowan, presiding. The opening session was preceded by meetings of various committees on Tuesday evening and Wednesday morning.

THE MEDITATION was led by Mrs. George Thomas. A portion of I Corinthians 2 was read as she discussed, "The Business of Our King." She compared the flame of a lighted candle to our descending minds, reaching up for guidance, the love and strength from above to carry on the responsibilities which are too big for us to accomplish alone. She closed the devotion with prayer.

MRS. MCGOWAN introduced Mrs. Sam Clay, Jr., and Mrs. L. L. Freeman, Hammond District, President and Treasurer, respectively, and Mrs. Leo Hoffpauir, Treasurer of Lake Charles District and welcomed all committee members present.

COMMITTEES were appointed by the president as follows: Journal, Mrs. Manning and Mrs. Gallaher; Evaluation of Mid-Year Committee Meeting, Mrs. Aycock, chairman, Mrs. Gardner and Mrs. Kirkpatrick.

ROLL CALL by the secretary showed the following were present: Mesdames C. B. McGowan, Carl Gallaher, L. C. Aycock, W. B. Gardner, R. E. Carter, Gilbert Bandel, George M. Chastain, Jr., Robert Compton, G. W. Dameron, T. C. Young, W. M. Coffey, Harris Copenhaver, John Nelson, Sam Clay, Jr., L. L. Freeman, B. E. Fox, Sr., P. L. Foreman, Jesse Porter, Leo Hoffpauir, Don Wineinger, Marvin Burgess, Edgar E. Cayard, J. D. Hansard, Jr., W. F. Manning, Jr., F. E. Kennon, T. E. Kirkpatrick, Jack Bussie and George Thomas. By common consent the secretary was instructed to send a card to Miss Mildred Evans.

MINUTES OF THE SPRING EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING had been previously edited and mailed to the committee. Mrs. Kirkpatrick moved that these minutes be approved as distributed. Motion seconded and carried. The minutes of the Called Meeting were read and approved as corrected.

COMMUNICATIONS were read by the secretary from Mrs. Pearl Turnbull, Mrs. John L. Howe, Mrs. John L. Beard, Dr. J. Woodrow Hearn, Miss Margaret Wade Campbell, Dr. Jack S. Wilkes, Miss Ethel Alston and The Wesley Foundation at The George Washington University.

ANNUAL REPORT: Mrs. Aycock, Chairman, reported that all materials for the First Annual Report was delivered to the printer October 1. The deadline for the completion of the Report was one month. Envelopes have been addressed. There will be no delay in mailing as soon as the reports are ready. All district offices and local presidents are not filled. Among those who will receive a copy of the Report in the conference are: each conference officer, each district officer, sub-district chairman and local presidents. District presidents will receive three copies and those holding dual offices will be issued two copies. Expressions of appreciation go to so many for their contribution of material and time in compiling this Report to make it a useable tool in the work.

REPORTS OF DISTRICTS

ALEXANDRIA

Mrs. T. C. Young, president, reported: There are 28 societies in the Alexandria District with a total membership of 865. A few reports came in (very scattered). There was poor attendance at the School of Christian Mission this summer. I attended the Mission Conference at Mt. Sequoyah. A district-wide local officers training was held in Alexandria September 10. This was well attended. The sub-districts have been re-divided (there are now three). They met after lunch for their regular fall meetings. The Mission Study Conference was held October 6. The studies were well presented and study books were sold. Leadership material was sold at the Officers Training. The filmstrip on "Banners" was shown in two societies so far. The money on the first report came in slow.

BATON ROUGE

Mrs. Harris Copenhaver, president, reported: The annual meeting was held at the First United Methodist Church in Hammond, La., on April 16, 1969. Mrs. C. O. Henneman, District Chairman of Christian Social Relations, was moderator for a panel of women discussing various topics related to the theme, "What does the Lord require of you?" Two of the panel members representing Conference B were enthusiastic over the warm welcome they received and expressed surprise that so many younger women were active in Women's Society. Since the creation of a new district at Annual Conference in June, the Baton Rouge District is now composed of 28 societies. Our Executive Committee hopes to work more closely with this smaller group of societies through personal contact of visiting every society at least once during the year. They are responding eagerly to this contact with the District Officers. We hope this will lead them to a new awareness and a broader vision of the Women's Society beyond the local level so that they will have increased participation in sub-district, district, and conference meetings throughout the year. In addition to this we hope to continue mailing a newsletter bi-monthly to each society in an effort to keep them informed on coming events, as well as other items of interest to their society. Another goal of our Executive Committee is to cooperate with District Officers in Conference B in planning a Quiet Day at Camp Istrouma in November which will be for the District Officers of Conferences A and B. Representatives of the Women's Society cooperated in planning the Fall District Mission Study Conference which was held at First United Methodist Church Sunday afternoon, October 12, from 2:00-5:00. Approximately 100 persons participated by attending two of the three studies presented by Mrs. Gilbert Bandel, Dr. Woodrow Hearn, and Miss Joe Marie Ellett. Approximately 135 officers in local societies attended the Officers' Training Day at Broadmoor United Methodist Church on September 17. The film on "Banners" was shown before the officers attended their training session with their corresponding district officer. This was followed by a luncheon where a warm spirit of fellowship was felt as the women became better acquainted. A few brief remarks by some of the women who had read some of the books on the suggested reading list for 1969-70 were made. From the comments received by the officers, it seemed that all who attended felt it had been very worthwhile and rewarding to them. We hope that all of our future endeavors will be as well received as this one was.

HAMMOND

Mrs. Sam Clay, Jr., president, reported: The organizational meeting of the Hammond District Women's Society of Christian Service was held July 8, 1969, at the First United Methodist Church of Hammond. Seventy-three (73) members, conference officers and visitors were present. Election and installation of officers were held. The Wesleyan Service Guild of the Hammond District was organized September 21, 1969, at the Elizabeth Sullivan Memorial United Methodist Church of Bogalusa with election and installation of officers. The district has 738 members in 31 societies and approximately 133 members in nine Guilds. We divided into two sub-districts and these meetings to organize and elect sub-district chairmen were held October 1, 1969, at Amite and October 3, 1969, at Bogalusa. At this time we conducted officers' training for the local officers and chairmen. Our Missionary Education Chairman worked in cooperation with the District Missionary

Secretary on the plans for the Fall Mission Study Conference that was held in Hammond, September 29, 1969.

LAFAYETTE

Mrs. B. E. Fox, Sr., president, reported: On the evaluation reports due in June or September, 21 of the 28 local societies reported. Amount paid on seven months pledge, due in September, was a small percentage more than one-third of the total pledge of the Society/Guild. Membership has decreased and one society has disbanded. The Guild reported an increase of five members. Problems reported were: poor attendance at program and business meetings, not being able to attract the younger women. One noticeable report was the number of societies reporting so many members work. Activities seemed to be good, but a definite trend in interest was toward activities in the local church, community and conference projects. Eight societies and four Guilds were represented at the School of Christian Mission. District Executive Committee members of the Society/Guild served on the planning committee with the church for the District Mission Study Workshop. More societies are reporting cooperation with the church Work Area Mission Chairman for planning and having mission studies. In September Mrs. Fox met with three of the four sub-district chairmen and local presidents. One sub-district chairman has moved. Program planning, local officers training and activities were discussed with the local presidents. Programs were planned with the groups for the sub-district meetings. Officers' Training was not chosen by any group. Topics for the three meetings are: "Problems of Youth and Children," guest speakers to be Parish Officials; "Interpretation of Task and Interest Groups," with district officers and local presidents participating (two sub-districts will meet together) -- Mrs. Harold Hine of The Louisiana Moral and Civic Foundation will be guest speaker. All plan to exchange and share ideas, projects and problems. Cooperation with the officers and local societies of the Louisiana B Conference has been very rewarding. All efforts are being made to make this more effective through local societies as well as the districts as the year's work progresses. The Society District Executive Committee members are assisting the Guild with their "Study Pilot Program" that they were selected to do by the Jurisdiction C.O.R.E. Planning Committee. Mrs. Fox attended the Guild Executive Committee meeting and District Officers are planning to attend the Guild Retreat and Workshop October 25. Mrs. George Thomas will be the leader of "One Hour Apart." Plans are to continue to work to fulfill and achieve the goals that were made for the year, with the Lord's help.

LAKE CHARLES

Mrs. Jesse Porter, president, reported: The attendance of Lake Charles District Women's Society at the School of Christian Mission was way down this year. However, the number attending the officer training day at University United Methodist Church on September 9 was up. The number attending the Quiet Day in Lake Arthur on September 26 was down. The program this year was a Lay Witness Retreat. Women from West Monroe, Tioga, Pineville and Lake Charles were the leaders. Those present said it was a day they would long remember. The Lake Charles District Mission Conference on Mission Studies was held in Lake Charles on September 29 and in Jennings, September 30. Members of the Women's Society served as leaders. We are happy that the local societies are asking us to their meetings. Mrs. Leo Hoffpauir, District Treasurer, and District President have been kept busy promoting, training and doing programs. There seems to be more interest this year in finances and just where our money goes. We hope this means an increase in giving in the future. There was confusion about officer lists and reports. Only 19 out of 30 were received.

MONROE

Mrs. Don Wineinger, president, reported: There seems to be a renewed interest among some of the societies in having a more effective society. Theme of the spring annual meeting was the campus ministry at Northeast Louisiana College, as this was a place we were needed as churchmen. Tuesday lunches continue as an unofficial project of a number of societies. Eight district officers attended leadership training, and in turn, assisted in the training of more than 100 local officers. At the spring executive meeting, the sub-district chairmen were directed to meet with

presidents during the summer to evaluate local needs and the type of program being offered. Fall meetings were to be planned in keeping with suggestions of local women. Attendance was low at School of Christian Mission, but those present found a rewarding experience. We sent our district chairman of Missionary Education to Mt. Sequoyah, and assisted in the selection of a high school youth to attend. These two, along with the district president, were active in promoting the Mission Study Conference, in which there was good interest and participation. We are in the process of revising the district by-laws. The amount unmet on the district pledge was cut in half this year. Plans are underway for a Spiritual Growth Retreat in April. The coming spring annual meeting will be held in the home church of the district president, with members of Conference B to be invited.

NEW ORLEANS

Mrs. E. E. Cayard, president reported: The first annual meeting of the New Women's Society of Christian Service convened April 9, 1969, at the Rayne Memorial United Methodist Church. Enthusiasm was high as local societies displayed beautiful posters depicting the year's work. Dr. G. W. Pomeroy spoke on the very timely subject, "Our District Faces the Future." This message was informative, inspiring and challenging. After June 1, the New Orleans District lost eight societies to the new Hammond District and two others by church mergers, leaving 29 societies and 9 Guilds in the district. We will continue the two sub-districts as they are now set up. District officers attended training day in Alexandria and presented training for local officers on May 15 at the Munholland United Methodist Church. The district Secretary of Missionary Education, Mrs. W. H. McHugh, attended the Jurisdictional Missionary Conference at Mt. Sequoyah. The district was well represented at the School of Christian Mission. We cooperated with the district Committee in planning and presenting the Mission Study Conference held October 8 at the Napoleon Avenue United Methodist Church. There was good attendance and participation in the Mission Institute sponsored by Church Women United at the Lake Vista United Methodist Church on September 26. The district president has attended board meetings and participated in the activities of St. Marks Community Center, the Tulane-Newcomb Wesley Foundation, and Camp Istrouma. Local societies in addition to the regular programs, have given many hours of cooperative effort to the Methodist Hospital Auxiliary project, "The November Affair." This is an ecumenical community-wide undertaking to raise a substantial sum of money for the hospital. Executive Committee meetings have been held each quarter. The district newsletter is published following each meeting. A busload of foreign students were housed and entertained by one society while they were in New Orleans. Many families are serving as hosts to the International Graduate Students attending Tulane University. District officers have been visiting in local societies. The president conducted several installation services. Under the direction of Mrs. John B. Green, Jr., Secretary, Christian Social Relations, a group joined with the Baton Rouge district to visit the migrant work in Hammond. Conference officers in the New Orleans District have been invited to attend a luncheon meeting with Mrs. Cornelia Lake Smith, staff secretary of the Women's Division, Nashville, Tennessee Region, being given by the officers of Conference B.

RUSTON

Mrs. W. F. Manning, Jr., reported: On March 28 our annual district meeting was held in the Haynesville Methodist Church. Due to the illness of the scheduled speaker, a change in the program was necessary and a panel of four persons from different denominations and parts of the state gave us a very enlightening discussion on ecumenism. A retreat of the local societies was held for the district at Toma Lodge in Ruston with 200 members present. This Spiritual Growth retreat was followed by the spring sub-district meeting during the early part of May. This year fewer of the district officers were able to attend the conference officer training at Pineville in April and the School of Christian Mission in Shreveport than in the past. Many local women did attend the School of Christian Mission even though some could come only for the day sessions. The District Mission Study Conference was held September 4th in the morning at Grace Methodist Church and that night in Arcadia. All three studies were presented in two sessions each at the morning meeting and one session of each was presented at the night session. Teachers for our Conference were Mrs. C. B. McGowan, Mrs.

T. E. Kirkpatrick and Dr. Thomas Carruth. The total attendance at these meetings was 194. This represents an increase of eight over the one meeting of the Study Conference held in 1968. Officers training was held in each of the four sub-districts starting September 30 through October 9 with an attendance of 185 members. The filmstrip, "Banners," was presented, as well as some of the banners made by Reverend and Mrs. Ralph Cain. At two of our meetings Rev. Cain explained the simplicity of making them along with the fact that they need not be elaborate or expensive to relate a message. The women expressed a great interest in the making of banners for the Assembly. We appreciate with great humility the cooperation received both by conference and district officers, as well as that given us by the local women. It is our earnest prayer that the efforts of all during the year will prove to be fruitful in furthering the kingdom of God on earth.

SHREVEPORT

Mrs. T. E. Kirkpatrick, president, reported: This year has brought mixed reactions from societies in the district as they find themselves in a new organization. Membership has dropped; financial support of mission continues to rise. Some have been innovative in programs; others have been repelled at recommended resources. Mrs. Glenn E. Laskey, immediate past president of the Women's Division was speaker for the District Annual Meeting in March. The district Executive Committee had a day of spiritual enrichment in May which was shared with district and conference officers of Conference B in Shreveport. Two sub-districts planned and held spiritual growth activities later in May. The District Mission Study Conference for Districts A and B was again held in September. Attendance was below that of last year. Officer training events have just been concluded (September) in each sub-district. We believe that the feeling is one of hope as a new year is begun.

COMMITTEE RECESSED at 5:15 p.m.

COMMITTEE RECONVENED following 6:15 p.m. dinner.

REPORTS OF CONFERENCE OFFICERS

PRESIDENT

Mrs. McGowan expresses her appreciation for the work of each member of the executive committee. The results of our accomplishments are because of the fine spirit of cooperation and the Christian love for each other. She serves as a member of the Structure Committee for the church where plans for merger and also the sub-committee for structure of districts requires much time and energy. All board meetings have been joint meetings with Conferences A and B participating.

Mrs. McGowan stated that all projects in our Louisiana Conference do not have sufficient funds to meet their needs. Each project is now an Advance Special Askings. She encouraged supplementary gifts from individuals, local and district societies. The interest for making Banners in the local societies to be used at district and conference meetings has increased. The Banners winning first place in each district will be displayed at the 1970 Annual Meeting of the Conference.

The "Comment" series prepared by conference officers and appears at two-week intervals in the *Louisiana Methodist* is of much value to the local women. Mrs. McGowan thanked the conference officers for their contribution and hoped the use of this channel of communication would be continued.

VICE-PRESIDENT

Mrs. Carl Gallaher reported: At the School of Christian Mission, the local and district vice-presidents who attended met to discover and learn more about the work of the vice-president. We discussed the duties and responsibilities of our office — also, new ways of program presentation. Resource materials were suggested to help make the programs more

meaningful and interesting for our general meetings as well as for interest groups, study groups, and/or circles.

A letter was written to each local vice-president in August relative to responsibilities and available resource materials. An article of similar information appeared in the **Louisiana Methodist** in September.

SECRETARY

Mrs. L. C. Aycock reported: The minutes of the spring executive committee meeting, the post-executive committee meeting and the Journal of the 1969 Annual Meeting were edited, approved and mailed to all committee members. The minutes of the Called Meeting were prepared and distributed to each member. The Regional and Conference Schools of Christian Mission were attended. Officer Training was conducted. The organizational meeting of the Hammond District and the Ruston District Annual Meeting were attended. As Chairman of the Committee on Guidelines for Executive Committee Meetings, a plan was submitted and approved. Schedules for "Comment" series to the **Louisiana Methodist** are made and mailed to each conference officer. It is a rewarding experience to serve on the Boards of the Conference Program Council, MacDonnel Methodist Center and the Methodist Childrens' Home.

CHRISTIAN SOCIAL RELATIONS

Mrs. R. E. Carter, Chairman, reported: During this period I have attended the West Gulf Regional School of Christian Mission and the Christian Social Concerns Briefing Conference at Mt. Sequoyah, District Officer Training at Pineville, the Louisiana Conference School of Christian Mission, and the organizational meeting of the Hammond District.

Two task groups are active at this time. One is working toward successful merger of Conferences A and B; the other is planning a Workshop on World Development which will be held October 24-25 in Alexandria.

I have also attended the meeting of the Conference Board of Christian Social Concerns. They are having a workshop now at Istrouma Methodist Camp for the purpose of training teams for each district in ways of surveying community needs, and initiating local church involvement.

Most of the district chairmen have been involved recently in officer training. Several have asked for helps, which I have given, especially Hammond District. A Christian Social Relations filmstrip kit has been used for officer training and programs.

Shreveport District is planning a workshop or seminar on drug usage, etc.

MISSIONARY EDUCATION

Mrs. Gilbert Bandel, Chairman, reported: Mrs. McGowan and I attended the national conference on "Extremism" at the University of Oklahoma last May. I would be happy to share my file with any of you for your personal review and study.

Next April 7-17 the district annual meetings will have a MISSION INTERPRETER to itinerate. As plans stand now, Rev. Garland Dean will travel with Rev. Lawson Lee from Lawton, Oklahoma.

If the district chairman of Missionary Education is unable to attend the Missionary Conference at Mt. Sequoyah, only the district president is eligible to replace her.

SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Mrs. George M. Chastain, Jr., Chairman, reported: Since I took over the office of chairman in November, 1968, much time has been spent in on-the-job training, learning as I go. In presenting this report, it is necessary to say "I" because of the special nature of this

office, but it is understood that spiritual growth is, hopefully, an activity of each individual member.

My first official act was to conduct officer training for district officers in April. Every district chairman was present, which was an encouraging beginning. Problems were discussed, information exchanged, and material distributed to be passed on to local officers.

In July, at the School of Christian Mission, a morning devotional was presented for three days. Folders of meditations and prayers had been prepared and were used at this time.

I have been in touch with many of the district and local chairmen, and have received reports of several very fine Quiet Day observances, as well as other activities. I have filled requests for special program material and reprints of other information. I plan to take part in several observances of Call To Prayer and Self-Denial. The packets for this week were distributed earlier to each district chairman.

"As each Christian drops a pebble of prayer into God's sea of love, the ever-widening circles that they make merge each into the other in bonds of Christian Fellowship and love."

PROGRAM MATERIALS

Mrs. Robert Compton, Secretary, reported: As stated in the Purpose of the Women's Society "shall provide opportunities and resources to meet the needs and interests of women; to increase their knowledge of the concerns and responsibilities of the church in the world," to this task we are called.

Four of the District Secretaries attended the Officers' Training Day, sharing ideas and suggestions as to how we could serve the local society members in a more effective way; with special plans made to create interest for the books on the Suggested Reading List.

Materials were provided at our School of Christian Mission this summer and \$754.36 was sold.

An invitation has been extended to all Conference Secretaries to visit Service Center, November 18-20 and I have accepted with great joy for this privilege to become acquainted with our Center.

Using the resources we have and being informed and concerned, we will commit ourselves to help through witness, service and missionary outreach.

HISTORIAN

Mrs. G. W. Dameron, reported: Additional clippings and materials had been added to the historical files. Mrs. Bandel, Mrs. Manning and Mrs. McGowan had met and all information had been organized.

WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD

Miss Mildred Evans, Chairman, was not present. Her report was read by the secretary. "This year has brought changes both good and bad to the Louisiana Conference 'A' Wesleyan Service Guild. We no longer have a Conference newspaper. We have lost units and members. On the brighter side, we have seen the birth of a new district, the formation of a task group to work on the education and directive areas of the Wesleyan Service Guild and its relation to the Women's Society of Christian Service and the local church, and further steps taken to include Conference 'B' Guild officers in our meetings.

We are being offered many opportunities for work and growth. Some of these opportunities are in connection with the 1970 Assembly in Houston, Texas, May 7-10, 1970. These include the making of banners on the Assembly theme, the South Central Jurisdiction Society/Guild's contest for young women 35 years old and under, and the

latest, a challenge for amateur film makers.

The weekend of September 11-14, 1969, I had the privilege of participating in a laboratory on leadership and communication at the Center for Renewal on the campus of St. Paul's School of Theology in Kansas City, Mo., led by Mr. Louis Mobley of IBM Corporation. We did not just 'hear about' leadership. We experienced facets of it which are applicable in our work in the church as well as in our work-a-day jobs. We were given ideas for and practice in goal-setting, both long-range and short-term. Following Mr. Mobley's leadership, Miss Mary Lou VanBuren from the staff of the Women's Division, assumed leadership in assisting each conference group in doing some exercising in goal-setting.

This project was planned by the Society/Guild Core-Planning group of the South Central Jurisdiction for the president, vice-president and Guild chairman of each conference and for members of any pilot groups in operation in the area.

This group has further plans and challenges which will give opportunity for growth. These are being studied and we will be hearing about them.

Our Conference Guild Weekend, held July 25-27, 1969, on the campus of Centenary College, had as its theme "All Things New." Our guest speakers and resource persons were Mrs. Cornelia Lake Smith, Women's Division Staff in the Nashville Area and Mrs. John L. Howe, Jr., Member-at-Large of Core Planning Group, South Central Jurisdiction Society/Guild.

At our Guild Weekend, it was unanimously decided that the Guild cooperate with the total church in a Cooperative Weekend School of Mission. This action for change offers another opportunity for growth.

Our pledge to missions given at our annual meeting in March for the period June 1, 1969 to December 31, 1969 is \$15,847. Of that amount, we have paid \$3,575.33, including special memberships, In Remembrance Gifts, thank offering, and My World Bank. The difference of \$12,271.67 must be met by December 1. With the cooperation of each district and extra promotion by each district chairman, I am sure we will meet our pledge to missions.

The new Hammond District Guild was organized at an impressive meeting on Sunday afternoon, September 21, at the Elizabeth Sullivan Memorial United Methodist Church in Bogalusa, La. The District Officers were installed in a challenging service by Mrs. C. B. McGowan, President, Louisiana Conference A Women's Society of Christian Service. The officers elected are: Mrs. Vera Packer, District Chairman; Miss Louise Perritt, Secretary; and Mrs. Edith Liles, Chairman, Committee on Nominations.

We would, again, challenge each of you to -- "pursue a thought, dare a little, invest in life, live the good news."

MRS. GEORGE THOMAS, member of the Committee on Nominations of the South Central Jurisdiction Society/Guild, reported: As a member of the Committee on Nominations of the Jurisdiction Society/Guild, I feel very keenly the necessity for being informed on all aspects of the work going on in the Women's Society. For this reason, I am most grateful for the privilege of being included in the membership of the Conference Executive Committee.

At present there are two Task Group Leaders -- Mrs. John Howe and Mrs. R. M. McKinney (formerly Mrs. J. Russell Henderson). Mrs. McKinney's group is working on Reconciliation. The Core Planning Group made the selection for leaders of these task groups.

We never know when any member of the Society/Guild may have to be replaced for any reason, so the members of the committee need to be aware of abilities and special interests and skills of qualified women who may be needed in the work of the jurisdiction society/guild and be ready to recommend them when needed.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN MISSION — 1969

Mrs. Kirkpatrick, Dean, reported: The School of Christian Mission at Centenary College July 22-25, 1969, was attended by 178 persons of which 167 were full-time participants. Expense to the Conference Women's Society was \$1,288 over that paid by the collections of fees.

SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN MISSION — 1970

Mrs. Gallaher reported in the absence of Miss Arline Tyler, Dean. Date of School is July 21-24, 1970. The place of School is Centenary College, Shreveport, La.

Studies and Teachers: "How Word Gets Around," Dr. Woodrow Hearn and Mrs. G. W. Dameron; "Two Americas," "How Many Worlds?", Mrs. G. W. Pomeroy, Mrs. Isaac Dean and Dr. W. C. Walzer. "Psalms," Dr. Lamar Cooper, to be presented to the whole school Honorarium to teachers, \$60, and up to \$10 to teachers for materials. Pianist, Mrs. Gilbert Bandel. Interest Centers, Mrs. George Chastain. Program Materials, Mrs. Robert Compton. It was recommended that all checks be made out to the Louisiana Conference Women's Society.

In view of the fact that Gulfside had been blown away and damaged during the hurricane and that Conference B would have no place to meet for their School of Christian Mission, it was suggested that we extend an invitation to them to meet with Conference A School of Christian Mission. After merger, both Conference A and B will begin initial planning for the School. It was reported that many of the teachers had been secured and much planning had been made for their 1970 School and there may be a possibility they would not accept.

Mrs. Compton moved that we invite Conference B to join us in our School of Christian Mission for 1970. Motion carried.

The assistant dean's responsibilities are: securing the nurse, name tags for the staff, conference officers and teachers. Also, assigning hostesses for teachers, secretaries for the classes and some little recognition for those attending the School for the first time.

Two suggestions were made for nurse — Mrs. W. Spiller Milton and Miss Thelma Cousins.

Staff persons suggested were — Miss Jean Maxwell, Miss Barbara Campbell and Miss Lois Miller.

Mrs. Gallaher moved that the recommendation from the committee be accepted and an invitation be extended to Conference B to join Conference A at the 1970 Conference School of Christian Mission. Motion was seconded by Mrs. Bandel. Motion carried.

FINANCE

Mrs. Gardner, Chairman. Mrs. Hansard, secretary, read the following proposed districts' pledges to the conference:

1. That the Pledge to Missions for 1970 be	\$158,071.00
That the Conference Budget for 1970 be	13,300.00
	\$171,371.00

That the District pledges to Conference be as follows:

Alexandria	\$16,081.00
Baton Rouge	16,500.00
Hammond	7,000.00
Lafayette	14,240.00
Lake Charles	21,371.00
Monroe	20,613.00
New Orleans	23,166.00
Ruston	18,189.00
Shreveport	34,211.00

Mrs. Gardner moved acceptance of this recommendation. Motion carried.

Mrs. Hansard read the proposed Conference budget for 1970. Mrs. Gardner moved acceptance of recommendation two (2).

2. That the Conference Budget for 1970 be as follows:

Office Expense	\$1,400.00
Annual Meeting	1,700.00
Mid-Year Meeting	500.00
Regional School of Christian Mission	900.00
Conference School of Christian Mission	1,500.00
Jurisdiction Cultivation	700.00
Jurisdiction Meetings	750.00
Annual Report	1,700.00
Conference Program Council (Youth Work)	600.00
Christian Social Relation	300.00
Cooperative Meetings	550.00
Miscellaneous	400.00
Wesleyan Service Guild	2,300.00

The Secretary, Mrs. Aycock, read a letter from Mrs. Earl B. Emmerick furnishing information as to the expenditures of the Women's Society's contribution to the Conference Program Council for Youth Work. The motion carried.

The remaining recommendations were read and individually adopted, except recommendation 4. Mrs. Kirkpatrick submitted a substitute recommendation which is included in this report and was accepted.

3. That the \$9.00 subsidy for each district officer and sub-district chairman attending the School of Christian Mission be continued.

4. In each year when there is a surplus in cultivation funds, money may be set aside as an accumulative fund for use as determined by the executive committee on recommendation of the Committee on Finance after a yearly review of the needs of the Conference.

5. That each district society allow the expense of the district chairman of Missionary Education, or a representative, attending the 1970 Jurisdictional Missionary Conference at Mt. Sequoyah, and that if needed, each district's expense will be supplemented by the Conference Society in the amount of \$15.00.

6. That an amount up to \$400 be allowed for District Officers Training in 1970.

7. That up to \$400 be allowed for the expense of the Conference President to attend the Board of Mission and Women's Division meeting October 23-31, 1969.

8. That \$25 each be allowed for up to four student delegates who attend the 1970

9. That an amount up to \$500 be allowed for delegates to Assembly in 1970.

10. That up to \$300 be allowed for a Conference Youth Mission Tour to be used only on an emergency basis. This request is based on the provision that the tour be financially self-supporting.

Mrs. McGowan read a letter from Mrs. Wayne Harrington, president of the Women's Division, and in part she stated that a quota of 78 delegates from Conferences A and B may attend the Assembly in Houston, May 7-10, 1970. Delegates may include women from the local, district and conference members. The January and March issues of response will include additional information and registration blanks for the Assembly.

Mrs. Gardner moved the adoption of the recommendations as presented by the Committee on Finance and amended. Motion seconded by Mrs. Dameron. Motion carried.

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

Mrs. Dameron, Chairman, presented the following recommendations from the Committee on Constitution and Bylaws:

Article II, Section 1, pg. 14: Amend the phrase (line 4), "the retiring conference president, who shall serve for one year" to read: "the retiring conference president, who may serve for one year, at her own discretion."

Article IV, Section 4, pg. 16: Delete the first sentence: "No officer shall hold the same office for more than four consecutive years" and substitute a new paragraph, "a", to read: "Officers shall be elected for a two-year term with the privilege of re-election to the same office for one additional term."

Designate the sentence beginning "Tenure on the Executive Committee," as paragraph "b".

Article IV, Section 5, pg. 17: Delete the entire section.

Article IV, Section 6, pg. 17: Add the following sentence to the section: "One year or more of an unexpired term shall constitute a full term."

STANDING RULES

Rule 4, pg. 18: Amend by deleting the words "the conference executive committee."

Rule 5, (a & b), pg. 18: Delete, until appropriate revisions can be made following the report of a committee to evaluate the effectiveness of the entertainment procedures for executive committee meetings, adopted in March and July, 1969.

Rule 24, pg. 20: Amend the last sentence of paragraph 1, to read: "The Historian shall serve for two years, during which time she shall be a member of the Executive Committee, with vote."

Recommendations were accepted by the committee as presented.

The sessions adjourned at 9:30 p.m. with silent prayers.

Thursday

The committee reconvened at 8:30 a.m. in the Indigo Room.

MRS. BANDEL'S morning devotion was based on I Ephesians. A Bible was made

available to each member as Mrs. Bandel read this chapter and lifted words and thoughts from it that applied to us and the world today on the subject of "Reconciliation." Then she closed with prayer.

MRS. DAMERON proposed that we request the Women's Division to consider the following amendment with reference to tenure of office: "Tenure on the Executive Committee for the elected leadership of the district or conference societies shall be limited to a total of eight years in addition to any years (not to exceed 4) served as district or conference president." Mrs. Compton moved that the amendment be sent to the Women's Division. Motion seconded by Mrs. Gallaher. Motion carried.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

ANNUAL MEETING

Mrs. Chastain, Chairman, reported: The Committee for Annual Meeting met during the School of Christian Mission in Shreveport in July and again during the mid-year Executive Committee meeting in Alexandria on October 15, 1969.

The first order of business in July was to discuss the suggestion that we plan, for one year only, on a one-day meeting, to run from noon, March 18, 1970, to noon, March 19. This was decided upon, with the understanding that the meeting would be evaluated and future plans made on this basis.

Headquarters for delegates will be the Jung Hotel. An informal lunch will be provided by the hostess societies on Wednesday, and a box lunch for \$1.75 would be available on Thursday. Because of strictly limited facilities at the church, dinner on Wednesday night will be limited to delegates only, with coffee and sandwiches available to others.

Speakers for the meeting will include Bishop Aubrey G. Walton; Dr. Vela Cleveland; and Dr. Lois Miller, Associate General Secretary, joint Commission on Education and Cultivation, United Methodist Church, who, it is hoped, will speak to us twice.

A detailed program will be announced after the first of the year.

The Committee for Annual Meeting presents the following recommendations to the Executive Committee:

1. That a registration fee of \$2 be charged.
2. That members of Conference B Women's Society in the New Orleans area be invited.
3. That Conference officers of Conference B be included in the Wednesday night dinner at the church.

Mrs. Chastain moved the adoption of these recommendations. Motion was seconded by Mrs. Dameron. Motion carried.

MRS. MANNING moved that the Bylaws and Standing Rules be mimeographed for all conference and district officers and local presidents. Motion was seconded by Mrs. Dameron. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS

Mrs. Cayard, Chairman, submitted the following report and recommendations and moved the adoption. (1) Your committee on nominations met on July 24, at Centenary College during the School of Christian Mission, with all members present. After review and discussion of our present situation, it was unanimously agreed to recommend to the

Executive Committee that there be an interim year from 1970 Annual Meeting until the time of the next Annual Meeting, and those officers presently serving continue in office during this interim period. (2) On October 15 the committee met again and presents the following recommendation: that the nominating committee remain in its present set-up during this interim period.

Mrs. Manning seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mrs. Gallaher moved that a letter of appreciation be written to Mr. McGowan for his understanding and cooperation in permitting Mrs. McGowan to continue as conference president for a fifth year. Motion carried. A rising vote of appreciation was accorded Mrs. McGowan for her dedicated service to Louisiana Conference.

DISTRICT OFFICER TRAINING

Mrs. Gallaher, Chairman, reported: District Officer Training will be held on Wednesday, April 29, 1970, at Horseshoe Drive Methodist Church in Alexandria. A light lunch will be prepared by the Women's Society for \$1.25 per person. Donuts and coffee for 25¢ per person. Total of \$1.50 per person.

Registration blanks will be mailed to district and conference officers. Please return them so we will know how many to prepare for.

We will appreciate suggestions to help make district officer training for 1970 a profitable one.

By common consent the report was accepted.

CHRISTIAN SOCIAL RELATIONS

Mrs. Carter, Chairman, reported: A World Development Workshop will be held in the First United Methodist Church at Alexandria, La., on October 24 and 25. The Workshop this year is sponsored by the Women's Society of Christian Service of the United Methodist Church, Louisiana Conference, and by Church Women United of Central Louisiana. This will be one of many "spin-off" workshops from 12 "Hub-City" workshops held throughout the United States.

The purpose of this 2-day workshop is to help participants realize the urgency of becoming knowledgeable about local, national, and world situations, especially of the ever-widening gulf between the rich and the poor. What is the menace of this gulf to peace and stability of our own communities? Pope Paul has said: "Development is the new word for peace." We hope through discussion and participation to build empathy and sense of responsibility, and to discover how we can become involved to further the cause of peace for our world.

The workshop will be open to all women of Church Women United member groups in the Alexandria-Pineville area. Invitation will be extended to include 2 or 3 from each of other districts or representative groups throughout the state.

Registration for both days, or either day (Friday and/or Saturday) will be \$2.00. This fee will include packet of related materials. Meals will be extra.

A general session Friday evening will be open to all men and women of the area, with no registration fee required. This session will begin at 7:00 p.m.

Featured speakers for the workshop will be Dr. Maurice Dayan, of Pinecrest School, and Dr. Sara Frances Anders, of Louisiana College.

Nursery will be provided.

Pre-registration and reservation for meals is necessary in order that we may know how many to prepare for.

SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Mrs. Chastain, Chairman, stated no plans are being made for a Retreat.

TOURS

Mrs. Dameron, Chairman, read the following recommendations and moved the adoption.

The Committee on Tours recommends that:

1. The Conference Women's Society of Christian Service sponsor an out-of-state Mission Tour for youth in the summer of 1970, with the following provisions:

A. That Mr. and Mrs. John Oldham serve as tour directors.

B. That the tour be financially self-supporting.

C. That clearance from the Conference Program Council be obtained.

D. That \$300, for emergency use only, be appropriated by the Conference Women's Society in support of the tour.

2. That the Conference Society consult with the Director of the Conference Program Council and the Conference Director of Youth Work regarding the values of a continuing program of Youth Mission Tours.

Mrs. Kennon seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MRS. MCGOWAN reported on the meeting she attended at St. Paul's School of Theology. The "Adventures in Communications" was sponsored by the Jurisdiction Society-Guild Core Group and led by Mr. Louis Mobley of the IBM Corporation. Among the topics discussed were how to make or set goals, making decisions and problems confronting American leadership. We must accept the fact that we are each different and work as best we can under these conditions.

Mrs. Carl Gallaher, Vice-President, who also attended the Seminar, assisted Mrs. McGowan in leading the group in an experience which they had shared. The Committee numbered off into groups of seven for role playing on the subject, "Who Gets the New Truck?" This was an experience in decision making by a group concerned with a church or society problem.

BUSINESS

Mrs. McGowan stated that each conference president had been requested to take the initiative towards making plans for merger. In 1970, both Conferences A and B will be involved in committee planning of all parts of the program. Progress reports will be made and local societies kept informed. She stated that perhaps in district executive committees the two conferences could meet together, share each others programs and plans. Prior to the 1971 Annual Meeting, there will be a joint meeting to plan the time and place and to accept Constitution and Bylaws.

In a communique from Mrs. Edgar Dixon, Little Rock, Ark., she related the plan to interest ten young women 35 years and younger, who are Society or Guild Presidents, in attending the Assembly in Houston, May 7-10, at the expense of the South Central Jurisdiction Society-Guild. Two paragraphs are to be written — (1) concerning her local activities in church and community; (2) what does the Assembly theme, "Choose Life" mean to her. The responsibility of finding eligible participants would be that of the district

presidents. The three nominees' names, addresses and qualifying paragraphs would be forwarded to the Jurisdiction Committee by the Conference Committee for final selection of the ten no later than January 1, 1970. Persons chosen will be housed and expected to travel with other women from their conference.

Mrs. McGowan asked for suggestions for names to be proposed of ten women with Biblical background and able to travel to take a course at Perkins or St. Paul School of Theology.

WEEKEND CHRISTIAN MISSION

Mrs. Dameron, Chairman of the Committee to study the feasibility of a Cooperative Conference Weekend of Christian Mission, reported on the progress that had been made in trying to determine the need and desire for a Weekend Christian Mission; also, the purpose for and responsibilities involved in planning for one.

Mrs. Bandel moved that the Conference Executive Committee cooperate with the general plans in promoting the Cooperative Mission School. Motion was seconded by Mrs. Copenhaver. Motion carried.

Mrs. Kirkpatrick moved that an amount up to \$25 be given toward the expenses of the Cooperative Mission School. Motion was seconded by Mrs. Manning. Motion carried.

ELECTION OF DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES to the Assembly

Mrs. Gallaher moved that four (4) delegates and four (4) alternates be elected from among Conference officers. Motion was seconded by Mrs. Chastain. Motion carried. Delegates elected were: Mesdames McGowan, Gardner, Bandel and Chastain. Alternates: Mesdames Carter, Gallaher, Compton, and Aycok.

MRS. BANDEL moved that we extend invitations for the Annual Meeting to be held at First United Methodist Church in New Orleans, March 18-19, 1970, to Directors of Projects in New Orleans, at Dulac and at MacDonnel and bring anyone on their staff at their own expense to attend the meeting. Motion was seconded by Mrs. Carter. Motion carried.

MRS. MANNING moved that the conference supplement the fund Hammond District has on hand to send one delegate to the Assembly. Motion was seconded by Mrs. Cayard. Motion carried.

JOURNAL COMMITTEE

Mrs. Manning reported the minutes had been checked and found to be in order.

REPORTS ON BOARD MEETINGS

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED

Mrs. Dameron, Vice-President, stated the organization is a weak one, but is one of great potentials. She asked the Committee as Methodist Women, to take a fair share of the responsibility in organizing and keeping the organization going. The State Meeting will be held in Alexandria, November 15, 1969, and on April 15-16, 1970, the Tri-Annual Assembly will be held at First United Methodist Church, Lafayette.

BUSINESS GIRLS' INN

Mrs. Kirkpatrick reported: Finance and direction of the mission are questions facing The Business Girls' Inn this fall. Initial response to "The Friends of The Inn" and Advance Specials have been less than had been hoped; however, the money received is greatly appreciated. Bishop Walton used his "letter column" in *The Louisiana Methodist* in support of The Inn. A mailing campaign to pastors and adult church school classes is now in progress. An extended service of The Inn, an Information Center for Young Adults, has

been started.

MACDONNEL METHODIST CENTER

Mrs. Bandel reported: Mr. G. J. Bridges, the new director at MacDonnel Methodist Center in Houma, seems so enthusiastic about his plans for the Home. He, his wife, and son are comfortably situated in the residence. They have redecorated it beautifully. Together with a local committee of the Board, a complete inventory is being made of all properties belonging to the Center. Storerooms, attics, etc., have been searched. Useable items are being restored, unuseable, eliminated, with the idea of using and displaying articles of historic value. He has made some staff changes and is attempting to screen carefully all applications for admission among the children, to be sure MacDonnel staff and facilities are used to the best advantage for children in need. Mr. Bridges has accepted some speaking engagements in the state and said he welcomes opportunities to tell Methodists what he is attempting to accomplish.

DULAC COMMUNITY CENTER

Mrs. McGowan reported the summer program at Dulac was a busy one and that Mr. Allen Hebert, director, was doing a good job.

THE MEETING ADJOURNED at 2:30 p.m. with the group forming a friendship circle as Mrs. Dameron gave the closing prayer.

Mrs. L. C. Aycock, Secretary
Mrs. C. B. McGowan, President

Audit: Mrs. Carl Gallaher
Mrs. W. F. Manning, Jr.

Approved by the Executive Committee March 17, 1970

SPRING EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
Women's Society of Christian Service
New Orleans, Louisiana
March 17, 1970

The Spring Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Louisiana Conference A Women's Society of Christian Service was convened at 11:00 a.m., Tuesday, March 17, 1970 in the Education Building at St. Luke's United Methodist Church, New Orleans, with the President, Mrs. Charles B. McGowan, presiding. The opening session was preceded by meetings of various committees with a dinner Monday evening at St. Mark's Community Center, courtesy of Mrs. Carl Gallaher, Mrs. Edgar E. Cayard and Mrs. J. D. Hansard, Jr.

The opening meditation was given by Mrs. Edward Thomas, wife of the pastor of Lake Vista United Methodist Church, New Orleans. Mrs. Thomas centered her thoughts from Matthew 16 and Galatians 5:22.

Mrs. McGowan welcomed all members of the committee and introduced three new district treasurers: Mrs. S. B. Evans, Jr., Alexandria District; Mrs. Robert H. Brupbacher, Jr., Baton Rouge District; and Mrs. J. H. Walker, Monroe District. Mrs. Alfred Knox, Women's Editor of Louisiana Methodist, Little Rock, Arkansas, was a visitor.

Roll Call by the secretary was answered by: Mesdames C. B. McGowan, Carl Gallaher, L. C. Aycock, W. B. Gardner, R. E. Carter, Gilbert Bandel, George M. Chastain, Jr., Robert Compton, G. W. Dameron, T. C. Young, S. B. Evans, Jr., Harris Copenhaver, Robert Brupbacher, Jr., Sam Clay, Jr., L. L. Freeman, B. E. Fox, Sr., Jesse Porter, Don Wineinger, J. H. Walker, Edgar E. Cayard, J. D. Hansard, Jr., W. F. Manning, Jr., F. E. Kennon, T. E. Kirkpatrick, Jack Bussie, George Thomas and Miss Mildred Evans. By common consent, messages were sent to the absent members.

Minutes of the Mid-Year Executive Committee Meeting had been previously mailed to each member of the committee. A motion by Mrs. Manning and seconded by Mrs. Bandel that the minutes be approved as mailed; motion carried.

Correspondence was read from Miss Ethel Alston, Mrs. Jack Wilkes, family of Mr. Fleming A. Smith (Mrs. Carl Gallaher's father), and Mrs. Carl Gallaher.

Committee appointments were made by Mrs. McGowan as follows: Audit of Minutes: Mrs. T. E. Kirkpatrick and Mrs. W. F. Manning. Parliamentarian: Mrs. T. E. Kirkpatrick. Tellers: Mrs. George Thomas, Chairman of Elections. Each district was represented by Distributing and Counting Tellers; Mrs. Luther Rone and Mrs. C. E. Tull, Alexandria; Mrs. Chris Hall and Mrs. Murphy Roberts, Baton Rouge; Mrs. Charles McKaskel and Mrs. Hershel Patten, Hammond; Mrs. Lowell Rue and Mrs. W. F. Atkinson, Lafayette; Mrs. William Peoples and Mrs. Curtis Carlin, Lake Charles; Mrs. Ferrell Earl and Mrs. Martha Lingo, Monroe; Mrs. D. E. Watson and Mrs. R. R. Cahal, New Orleans; Mrs. Paul Pennington and Mrs. T. L. Fitzhugh, Ruston; Mrs. L. G. Thomas and Mrs. Robert Hill, Shreveport. Courtesy Committee: Mesdames Compton, Carter and Porter.

Mrs. McGowan brought highlights from the Annual Meeting of the Women's Division held in Boston. To identify her with a group, she wore a symbol of a golden rod. They were given pictures, newspapers, poster paper and other materials for making posters. She was to describe the predominant community problem in her particular community. Each poster was interpreted, the main issues of social justice were explored and questions discussed.

Each group visited a different community project in the area. Mrs. McGowan visited a low-cost housing project. The whole program had been planned to include the participation of the Conference Presidents.

A paper was presented to the section of Program and Education which Mrs. McGowan attended. Smaller groups discussed proposals and needs as conference officers, particularly as presidents. From such group discussion came the request --

That the Women's Division undertake steps that would help elected leadership in the Conference Society and Guild to better understand:

- The responsibilities and duties of each office.
- The underlying philosophy of the current structure and program suggestions.
- The annual program emphasis and expectations of the Women's Division.
- The negative psychological effect of such major changes as;
 1. Reducing the number of officers on all levels.
 2. Complete change of Jurisdiction Society-Guild structure and more flexible Conference Guild structure.
 3. New patterns of evaluation reports.

The most complete lack of useful officer training at the Regional Schools was discussed and resulted in the promise of more time for this and better informed leadership in the Regional Schools this summer.

Two concerns came through the strongest; they were:

1. The need for communication with conference officers direct from someone. It is hoped that helpful information can be received quarterly. Meetings for all conference chairmen of the areas of Missionary Education, Spiritual Growth, Christian Social Relations and Treasurers will be held in 1970. All Secretaries of Program Materials have already met at the Service Center in Cincinnati.

2. That materials be received far enough ahead of time so they might be of use before they are listed in the response magazine and available elsewhere.

3. Conference officers expressed the fact that they missed the information that comes from the old pattern of reporting.

A request was made from North Texas Conference to reinstate the District and Conference Membership Chairmen. This was referred to the section's task group on membership.

A request was made from the vice president of South Georgia Conference Executive Committee and several groups that the fiscal year and program year be the same.

It was recommended and adopted that the Call to Prayer be observed for one day instead of one week and that in 1970, April 2nd be that date.

A letter was read from Louisiana Conference A Guild requesting that the publication date of the Prayer Calendar correspond with other program materials. The section voted non-concurrence.

It was proposed that all conference presidents be invited to attend the Annual Meetings of the Women's Division at Conference expense and that they be encouraged to attend. This will be discussed further in the January Executive Committee Meeting of the Division.

Mrs. McGowan stated, "You will never know how much it means to have had the opportunity of carrying the needs of our Conference to the meeting of the division. I appreciate the opportunity and I hope that some of the action will be of benefit to you as officers."

The Committee recessed at 12:30 p.m. for lunch served at St. Luke's, courtesy of the Women's Society, Mrs. Truman Ward, president.

The Committee reconvened at 2:00 p.m.

CONFERENCE OFFICERS' REPORTS

Mrs. W. B. Gardner, Treasurer, reported: "The year of 1969 has brought me many blessings in being allowed to serve you as your Conference Treasurer. The dedication to the work of the Society/Guild on the part of the District Treasurers has enriched my life more than I can express. Therefore, any report I give is really their report — for without them I would not have a report.

"My prayer is that 1970 will see us reaching our PLEDGE TO MISSION as a Conference. Also continuing our fine record of giving to CALL TO PRAYER, SUPPLEMENTARY GIVING, and giving to the LOUISIANA MORAL AND CIVIC FOUNDATION.

"As Conference Treasurer, I prepared a report of each District's work for the year 1968-69, as well as the Seven-Months Period of 1969 and sent it to the District Treasurer, along with forms for her to make a copy for the District President and Guild Chairman. I asked that the three of them get together and study the report so that they could determine ways of promoting in their district which would enable us to meet our 1970 pledge.

"I prepared a Conference-Wide report for the Conference President and Guild Chairman so that they could be aware of the overall picture and could, through knowledge and understanding, help in promoting the Conference Pledge.

"I administer the duties of the office of Conference Treasurer to the best of my ability. The books have been audited for the year 1969 and are up-to-date as of this date."

Mrs. Wiley B. Gardner
Conference Treasurer
Women's Society of Christian Service
Louisiana Conference
The United Methodist Church
Mooringsport, Louisiana

Dear Mrs. Gardner:

We have examined the Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements of the Women's Society of Christian Service of the Louisiana Conference, United Methodist Church for the period January 1, 1969 through December 31, 1969. Our examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards applicable to the cash basis of accounting, and accordingly included such tests of the records and such other auditing procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

In our opinion, the accompanying Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements presents fairly the result of cash transactions of the Women's Society of Christian Service of the Louisiana Conference for the period from January 1, 1969 through December 31, 1969.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Brooke, Mayo & Opferkuch
Certified Public Accountants
406 Ricou-Brewster Building
Shreveport, Louisiana

February 23, 1970

**WOMEN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE
THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
FOR YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1969**

CASH BALANCE — January 1, 1969

Commercial National Bank, Shreveport, La., Checking Account	\$ 15,482.80
First Federal Savings & Loan Association, Alexandria, La. — Savings.....	1,689.89
Rapides Building & Loan Association, Alexandria, La. — Savings.....	<u>3,072.00</u>
	\$ 20,244.69

RECEIPTS

Pledge to Missions.....	\$145,681.18	
Special Offerings.....	552.45	
Christmas Offerings.....	237.40	
In Remembrance.....	1,558.30	
My World Bank.....	3,772.04	
Call to Prayer.....	8,568.47	
MacDonell Methodist Center.....	247.36	
Louisiana Moral & Civic Foundation.....	1,634.76	
Other Designated Gifts.....	255.25	
Result of Study.....	8.00	
Gifts to Retiring Officers.....	5.00	
Magazine and Picture Fund.....	29.72	
Memberships.....	13,762.00	
Supplementary Gifts — World.....	348.71	
Supplementary Gifts — National.....	759.35	
Returned to Cultivation.....	957.94	
Christian Service Times Subscriptions.....	785.76	
Gifts to Missions.....	102.25	
Registration Fees.....	820.50	
Collection: School of Christian		
Mission — Guild.....	593.10	
Refund — South Central Jurisdiction.....	64.00	
Refund — West Gulf Regional School of		
Christian Mission.....	200.19	
Sale of Tote Bags.....	7.39	
Interest on Savings.....	225.67	\$181,176.79
TOTAL TO BE ACCOUNTED FOR		<u>\$201,421.48</u>

DISBURSEMENTS

To Women's Division	\$163,088.87
Schools of Christian Missions.....	5,072.72
Guild Weekend.....	787.45
Guild Jurisdiction Society.....	535.01
Louisiana Moral & Civic Foundation.....	1,726.08
Conference Program Council.....	600.00

Cooperative Meetings.....	415.36	
Committee Meetings	196.54	
Annual Meetings	1,408.79	
W S G — Annual Meeting	1,131.56	
Mid-Year Committee Meeting — Educational.....	902.67	
Connectional Meeting	125.35	
Board of Mission Meetings	377.99	
Annual Reports.....	1,295.93	
Nominating Committee.....	10.50	
Conference Officers Expense	1,078.79	
District Officers Travel.....	355.42	
Christian Service Times.....	618.06	
Insurance	2.40	
Hammond District — Organization Expense.....	84.22	
Guild — Miscellaneous Expense.....	21.00	\$179,834.71
TOTAL TO BE ACCOUNTED FOR		\$201,421.48
DISBURSEMENTS — Brought Forward.....		\$179,834.71

CASH BALANCE — December 31, 1969

Commercial National Bank, Shreveport, La.,		
Checking Account.....	\$ 16,815.04	
First Federal Savings & Loan Association,		
Alexandria, La. — Savings	1,771.73	
Rapides Building & Loan Association,		
Alexandria, La. — Savings	3,000.00	21,586.77
TOTAL ACCOUNTED FOR.....		\$201,421.48

Mrs. Gilbert Bandel, Chairman Missionary Education, stressed three points in her line of work:

1. Urged attendance at the Conference School of Christian Mission, July 21-24, at Centenary College.

2. Announced the Missionary Conference to be held at Mt. Sequoyah and the importance of all District Chairmen of Missionary Education participating.

3. Emphasized mission studies in local societies.

Mrs. George Chastain, Jr., Chairman of Spiritual Growth, requested the cooperation of the district presidents in planning the Call to Prayer and Self-Denial program April 2nd.

Mrs. Robert Compton, Secretary of Program Materials, expressed appreciation for the wonderful experience of visiting Service Center in Cincinnati. The title of the Program Book for 1971 is "Risk and Reality."

Mrs. Edgar E. Cayard, Chairman of Committee on Nominations, reported no changes in officers except a member of her committee had resigned and would be replaced.

Mrs. G. W. Dameron, Historian, reported that her office had been a most rewarding experience. Anyone who loves an organization, loves its history. It is valuable because its record helps us to understand our future. Mrs. Dameron's term of office expires so she presented the compiled material which was indicative of much love, time and effort.

Mrs. McGowan expressed to Mrs. Dameron the appreciation of the Conference for her work.

Miss Mildred Evans, Chairman of Wesleyan Service Guild reported a very fine Annual

Meeting that had preceded the Society Meeting. The attendance was down from previous meetings.

Mrs. George Chastain, Jr., Chairman of Annual Meeting Program, related her experiences of many months of preparation and expressed her gratitude for the privilege of serving in this capacity.

BUSINESS

The district presidents gave a short summary of the Evaluation Reports. The greatest concerns were the loss in membership; lack of promotion and interest of the reading program; small percentage of societies submitting reports; how to motivate women to make the Women's Society more relevant within and without the church.

The president of Houma's First United Methodist Church, Mrs. Calvin Walters, Jr., was selected as one of ten presidents, under 35 years of age from over the South Central Jurisdiction, to attend the General Assembly in Houston at the expense of the South Central Jurisdiction Society-Guild.

Interest in making banners in the district was good. Each district president brought her district banner to compete for the one to be chosen to represent the conference at the Assembly. The first place district society banner would be judged against the first place Hammond District Guild Banner. Mrs. G. W. Pomeroy was chairman of Banner Judges.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

School of Christian Mission, Miss Arline Tyler, Dean. In the absence of Miss Tyler, Mrs. Carl Gallaher, Assistant Dean, made the following report:

The School dates, July 21-24, 1970, at Centenary College. The theme for the School is, "Serving God in Today's World." Study classes and leaders are as follows:

"How the Word Gets Around," — Mrs. G. W. Dameron, Dr. J. W. Hearn

"The Americas: How Many Worlds?" — Mrs. Dean Isaacs, Mrs. G. W. Pomeroy, Dr. W. C. Walzer

"Psalms" — Dr. Allan Lamar Cooper

Report on the meeting of the Board of Missions of the United Methodist Church — Mrs. C. B. McGowan.

Mission Emphasis — Mrs. Gilbert Bandel.

Program Resources; concerns and uses — Mrs. Robert Compton, Mrs. Carl Gallaher.

Committee on School of Christian Mission:

Miss Arline Tyler, Dean — Mrs. Gilbert Bandel, pianist

Mrs. Carl Gallaher, Assistant Dean — Mrs. George Chastain, Interest Centers

Mrs. John S. Adams, Registrar — Mrs. C. B. McGowan

Mrs. T. E. Kirkpatrick, Arrangements — Miss Mildred Evans

Mrs. W. B. Gardner, Treasurer — Mrs. R. E. Carter

Mrs. W. M. Murdock, Housing — Mrs. L. C. Aycock, Packets

Mrs. Robert Compton, Literature Room — Mrs. W. Spiller Milton, Nurse

Annual Report, Mrs. L. C. Aycock, Chairman, reported 725 stapled backs and 75 plastic bound backs of the First Annual Report were ordered. The printer gave an extra 75 reports. A bid of \$11.95 per page was accepted with Gates Printing of Monroe. The cost for printing was \$1,243.28 plus \$42.00 postage and other expenses, which totaled \$1,306.28, or a cost of about \$1.63 per report.

The committee suggested that a Second Annual Report be published to cover twelve months from June 30, 1969 to June 30, 1970, using the same symbol on front cover with white paper and red printing and that the quality of inside pages be the same as the First Report.

The committee submitted the following recommendation: That the Second Annual Report include the Constitution and Bylaws and Standing Rules. Mrs. Aycock moved the adoption of this recommendation. Motion seconded by Mrs. Gardner. Motion was defeated.

In view of the fact that we cannot reprint the Constitution, Mrs. Dameron recommended that the above recommendation be reconsidered by the committee to use the revised form.

Rules for writing material for the Annual Report were distributed. Changes and additions for the Report were also made available.

Committee on Finance, Mrs. W. B. Gardner, Chairman; Mrs. J. D. Hansard, Jr., Secretary, read the following recommendations:

1. That the offering taken on Wednesday evening be given as "in honor" gifts for Dr. Vela Cleveland, Miss Lois Miller and Bishop Aubrey G. Walton.

2. That expenses of bus fare, hotel, and meal allowance be allowed for the vice-president, Chairmen of Spiritual Growth and Missionary Education to attend the state meeting of Church Women United in Lafayette, Louisiana, on April 15th and 16th, 1970.

3. That a gift of \$50.00 be given to the state organization of Church Women United annually.

4. That the budgeted item of \$300.00 for Christian Social Relations be deleted from the standing rules "Standing Rule No. 12" to become effective with the 1971 budget.

5. That we recommend to each district society that they allow expenses for the district Chairman of Christian Social Relations to attend the 1971 briefing conference of Christian Social Concerns at Mt. Sequoyah, and that, if needed, each district's expenses will be supplemented by the Conference Society in the amount of \$15.

6. That the president's expense be allowed to attend the annual meeting of the Women's Division, when invited, starting with the 1970 meeting.

7. That \$25.00 be given to the Co-operative Weekend School of Christian Missions.

8. That a supplementary gift of \$250.00 be given to each of the five projects in Louisiana: Sager-Brown, Dulac, St. Marks, Business Girls' Inn, and MacDonell, and that the money be taken from the First Federal Savings & Loan Association, Alexandria, Louisiana.

9. That the Conference President and Conference Treasurer be authorized to investigate and take action on reinvestment of funds in Rapides Building & Loan Association, Alexandria, Louisiana.

10. That authority be granted the Conference Executive Committee to approve, upon recommendation of the Committee on Finance, the necessary expenditure of funds for the operation of the Conference Women's Society during the period from January 1, 1971 until such time as a budget for 1971 may be approved by a meeting of the Conference Society.

11. That treasurers of districts be paid their expenses at the same rate as any other member of the Committee on Finance who attended the meetings of this committee, and that this be referred to the Committee on Constitution and Bylaws.

Each recommendation was individually voted on and approved, except for recommendation 11 which was rejected. Mrs. Gardner moved that the report as a whole be adopted as voted on by the committee. Motion seconded by Mrs. Bandel. Motion carried.

The afternoon session adjourned at 5:30 p.m. for dinner at Lake Vista Church, courtesy of the Women's Society, Mrs. Charles J. Holzer, president.

The committee reconvened at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

The Committee on Constitution and Bylaws, Mrs. G. W. Dameron, Chairman, called attention to the proposed changes in the Bylaws and Standing Rules.

Mrs. Dameron moved the adoption of the Bylaws and Standing Rules for the local society. Motion was seconded by Mrs. Kirkpatrick. Motion carried.

Mrs. Dameron discussed changes in the Bylaws and Standing Rules for the district society. Mrs. Dameron moved the adoption of the Bylaws and Standing Rules for the district society. Mrs. Cayard seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mrs. Dameron presented the changes in the Conference Bylaws and Standing Rules and recommended to substitute a new Standing Rule 7 to read:

a. Beginning in 1970 the President may attend, at Conference expense, the Annual Meeting of the Women's Division in each year that she is invited;

b. One time during her term of office when she is attending the Annual Meeting of the Women's Division, the President may also attend the Annual Meeting of the Board of Missions, at Conference expense.

Mrs. Dameron moved the adoption of the Conference Bylaws and Standing Rules as changed. Motion was seconded by Mrs. Bandel. Motion carried.

Mrs. Dameron moved the adoption of the report of the Committee on Constitution and Bylaws. Motion was seconded by Mrs. Aycock. Motion carried.

Mrs. Dameron read a letter from Miss Theresa Hoover, of the Division, written in reply to a letter from Mrs. McGowan asking for a clarification of tenure. This question was to know if a person could serve eight more years even if she had served as president. Miss Hoover stated that eight years was the total tenure including the term as president, in the event she had already served in that capacity.

Mrs. McGowan asked the Chairman of the Committee on Constitution and Bylaws to follow through on this.

Committee on District Officer Training, Mrs. Carl Gallaher, Chairman, reported plans for this meeting, April 29, 1970, at Horseshoe Drive United Methodist Church were complete. At 9:30 a.m. the registration and coffee time would be followed by the General Assembly and the Learning Discovery Groups. Lunch from 12:00 to 1:00 would be followed by another hour of group learning. At 2:00-2:45 districts would meet to plan for their officer training. Preregistration deadline is April 20.

Committee on Nominations, Mrs. Edgar E. Cayard, Chairman, stated Mrs. John Nelson from Baton Rouge resigned. Mrs. Cayard moved that Mrs. Harris Copenhaver be appointed to fill the unexpired term of Mrs. Nelson. Mrs. Bandel seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Committee to Evaluate the Mid-Year Meeting, Mrs. L. C. Aycock, Chairman, gave the following report:

In October, 1969, a visit was made to the Education-Recreation Youth Center, near Bunkie, to investigate facilities offered by this state-owned project. In January, 1970, the Ramada Inn in Alexandria assured me a more private room would be available if reservation was made early. Room rates have increased 50 cents per day per person. In February, 1970, information on accommodations at Mary Hill Camp, a Catholic-owned camp out of Pineville, was obtained and in March, 1970, Hodges Gardens Motor Inn and Lodge near Many was visited.

The committee met January 10, 1970 in Ruston and studied the evaluations of the Mid-Year Committee Meeting held October 15-16, 1969 at Ramada Inn, Alexandria. After carefully considering all features offered at each of the above places, it is felt that in the best interest of accomplishing the most in the limited time the committee meets, the following recommendations were submitted:

1. That the 1970 Mid-Year Executive Committee Meeting be held at the Ramada Inn in Alexandria.

2. That transportation by car at the rate of seven (7) cents per mile be allowed and that conference and district persons residing in the same district or area should plan together in working out car pools in order that the cost be kept at a minimum.

3. That reimbursement for meals be made at the rate of \$4.50 per person per day. If attendance at meeting is for part of a day, reimbursement shall be on the following schedule: \$1.00, Breakfast; \$1.50, Noon Lunch; and \$2.00, Evening Meal.

4. That an amount up to \$4.50 per night per person be allowed for lodging. If the actual expense for lodging is less than the amount allowed, then the actual cost will be paid.

5. That the name of the Headquarters for the Executive Committee Meeting be included in the call letter. Individuals will be responsible for making their own lodging arrangements.

Mrs. Aycock moved the adoption of the report. Motion was seconded by Mrs. Manning. Motion carried.

By common consent, the Mid-Year Executive Committee Meeting will be held October 14-15, 1970.

The Committee on Tours, Mrs. G. W. Dameron, Chairman, reported:

The Tour Committee recommends:

1. That the Conference Women's Society approve a Youth Work Camp for the summer of 1971, as a cooperative activity supported by the Conference Program Council, the

Conference Youth Council, and the Conference Women's Society.

2. a. That the president appoint a representative from the Conference Executive Committee to consult, at the earliest possible date, with the Director of the Conference Program Council and the President of the Conference Youth Council or the Program Council staff person related to the Youth Council.

b. That the following suggestions be presented to these persons or groups for approval:

(1) That Mr. and Mrs. John Oldham be invited to plan and direct the Work Camp;

(2) That the cost to each Work Camp member be sufficient to cover full cost of participation in the camp (travel, meals en route, insurance, etc.)

3. That the Conference Society appropriate \$300 as an emergency fund for the Work Camp.

Mrs. Dameron moved the adoption of the report. Motion seconded by Mrs. Bandel. Motion carried.

Mrs. Bandel, a member of the West Gulf Regional School of Christian Mission Committee, stated a very fine program had been planned. There is a break from the general routine of classes, training groups and other activities. The emphasis will be placed on individual participation. Dates are June 15-19, 1970 at Mt. Sequoyah.

Comment Series, Mrs. Aycock, Chairman, related the many expressions of appreciation, for this source of information that appears in the **Louisiana Methodist** every two weeks, have been received and evidence that the comments are read by local societies. The schedule, January 3 through April 25, 1970 was mailed to each participating conference officer on December 1, 1969.

Mrs. McGowan appointed Mrs. Glen E. Laskey, Mrs. L. B. Kilpatrick and Mrs. T. E. Kirkpatrick, as members of a committee of the Conference Board of Laity, to make plans to honor Bishop Aubrey G. Walton upon his retirement.

Mrs. McGowan stated no plans had been made to charter a bus for delegates from Louisiana Conference who are attending the General Assembly in Houston. Everyone is on her own to provide her own means of transportation.

The Enrichment Experience Workshop: Mrs. McGowan announced the Board of Missions and the Women's Division Meeting is October 21-30. The Workshop team is not available two weeks before, during and after the meeting. Therefore, the earliest date for Louisiana Conference Workshop would be November 13-14. Mrs. Aycock moved that the team be invited to Louisiana. Motion was seconded by Mrs. Porter. Voting was 11 for and 5 against.

The Committee on Annual Meeting Place: Mrs. Bandel, Chairman, reported the 1971 Annual Meeting would be invited to First United Methodist Church, Baton Rouge.

Cooperative Christian Mission Weekend: Mrs. Dameron stated that a twenty-four hour period, July 25-26, at Centenary College, wherein classes are held in the 1970-71 Mission Study Themes. Primarily it is for women who cannot come for a longer period, couples who cannot come for a long time, members of the commission on Missions and any others interested.

World Development Workshop: Mrs. R. E. Carter, Chairman, told of the most interesting program in Alexandria and the splendid cooperation of the Church Women United in that

area. It was an interdenominational and interracial meeting. The attendance was not as high as was expected.

Church Women United: Mrs. Dameron, vice-president, announced that the Assembly would be in Lafayette, April 15-16. Mrs. G. W. Pomeroy was program chairman.

Nashville Regional Advisory Committee Meeting: Mrs. McGowan reported:

"The meeting was held in Nashville at the Holiday Inn on November 11th and 12th, 1969.

"Mrs. Cornelia Lake Smith is the Regional Advisor.

"This committee is made up of representatives from the conferences in the Southeastern Jurisdiction and the two Louisiana Conferences.

"Louisiana was warmly welcomed to this committee. I felt very much at home as I knew so many of the women there, but I missed the exchange that I am accustomed to from within our own jurisdiction.

"Four members of the Board of Missions and the Women's Division were there to interpret their response to the confrontations and to the action which was taken at the Board of Missions meeting.

"The main concerns were:

—Preparation for merger

—How to reach and involve employed women in church activities

—The regional office and its resources

"Reports were given from three Southeastern Jurisdiction task groups:

A. Research on employed women

B. Merger and union

C. World issues — racism and world development

"We viewed a film which had been shown at the annual meeting of the Board of Missions and discussed its usefulness in conference situations. It was interesting to be able to identify people in the film by their voices when they could not be seen.

"A paper, 'Black Awareness: Theological Implications of the Concept' was presented by the author Major J. Jones. He answered some questions which were asked of him.

"Another paper, 'Black and White Merger at any Cost?' was distributed and read quietly, then pertinent statements were lifted out and discussed. This article was written by Woodie White and has been in print in several periodicals as an original and as a reprint.

"This thought was one of the ones which struck me as having meaning — 'For Merger to be Effective, it must be of the heart as well as in structure.'

"The next meeting will be held in November in Tupelo, Mississippi, following the jurisdiction meeting."

National Conference on Extremism: Mrs. Bandel and Mrs. McGowan attended this conference in Norman, Oklahoma. Mrs. Bandel urged church women to keep informed on church matters. The church is being attacked by radical lefts and rights. Criticisms and threats are made by various groups. She stated the best defense is an alert Christian man or woman.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Mrs. L. C. Aycock, Secretary
Mrs. C. B. McGowan, President

Audit: Mrs. T. E. Kirkpatrick
Mrs. W. F. Manning, Jr.

POST EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING **Thursday, March 19, 1970**

The Executive Committee was served a buffet luncheon at 12:30 p.m. while a post executive committee meeting was in session.

Mrs. McGowan presided at the meeting. She expressed her appreciation to the five district presidents who would no longer serve on the committee for the fine work they had done in their districts and to Mrs. G. W. Dameron for her valuable service as a member of the Executive Committee.

She announced that committee appointments would be made after elections were held in the districts.

A discussion concerning the time of year the 1971 Annual Meeting was held. Miss Evans moved that we have the meeting in the Fall of 1971 and if it be necessary, to have an Executive Committee Meeting in the Spring, 1971. Motion was seconded by Mrs. Compton. Motion carried.

Mrs. McGowan asked the Committee on Constitution and Bylaws to draw up a standing rule which would establish a policy concerning the expenses of the district officers who stay overnight for the Annual Meeting in order to attend the Post Executive Meeting.

Mrs. McGowan declared the meeting adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

Mrs. L. C. Aycock, Secretary
Mrs. C. B. McGowan, President

Audit: Mrs. T. E. Kirkpatrick
Mrs. W. F. Manning, Jr.

P R O G R A M
WOMEN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE
Louisiana Conference A

"O That All Might Catch The Flame!"

Wednesday, March 18, 1970

*"See how great a flame aspires,
Kindled by a spark of grace"*

12:45	Organ Prelude.....	Mrs. D. F. Kimbrel, Organist
1:00	Celebration of Holy Communion	Rev. Clarence Fuller, officiating
	Scripture and Prayer.....	Dr. Clyde S. Clark
	Convening of Second Annual Meeting.....	Mrs. Charles B. McGowan
	Welcome and Introductions.....	Mrs. Halbert Sawyer
	Presentation of the Program.....	Mrs. George M. Chastain
	Theme Hymn "See How Great A Flame Aspires"	No. 500
	Procession of Banners	
	Address	Bishop Aubrey G. Walton
	Business	
	Report of Secretary.....	Mrs. L. C. Aycock
	Recommendations from Executive Committee	
	Appointment of Committees	
	Report of Committee on Constitution and By-Laws	Mrs. G. W. Dameron
	Report of Treasurer and Recommendations of	
	Committee on Finance.....	Mrs. W. B. Gardner
	Special Music.....	Hymn No. 454
	Soloist.....	Mrs. Barbara Nester
	(The first three stanzas will be sung as a solo — the congregation will stand and join in the last stanza as a personal commitment)	
	Report of Wesleyan Service Guild	Miss Mildred Evans
	Address	Dr. Vela Cleveland
	Benediction.....	Dr. Vela Cleveland
	Postlude	
6:00	Dinner for delegates and conference guests	First United Methodist Church

Evening Service, Wednesday, March 18

*"To bring fire on earth He came,
Kindled in some hearts it is"*

7:30	Organ Prelude.....	Mr. Wayne Hobbs, Organist
	Hymn "Again As Evening's Shadow Falls"	No. 42
	Scripture and Prayer.....	Dr. G. W. Pomeroy
	Special Music	
	"Psalm 148".....	Choir, First United Methodist Church
	Offering	
	Address	Miss Lois Miller
	Hymn "Saviour, Again To Thy Dear Name"	No. 29
	Benediction.....	Dr. Pomeroy
	Postlude	

Thursday Morning, March 19, 1970

8:30	Organ Prelude.....	Mrs. D. F. Kimbrel, Organist
8:40	Hymns "At Thy Feet Our God and Father"	No. 37
	"We Would See Jesus"	No. 113

Morning Meditation.....	Rev. L. Ray Branton
Business	
Report of Committee on Nominations.....	Mrs. Edgar Cayard
Election	
Report of School of Christian Mission Committee	
Place of Annual Meeting 1971	
Report of Registration	
Resolutions	
Address	Miss Lois Miller
Hymn "O Spirit of the Living God"	No. 182
President's Message.....	Mrs. Charles B. McGowan
Pledge Service.....	Mrs. W. B. Gardner and district treasurers
Banner Recessional	
Benediction.....	Rev. L. Ray Branton
Postlude	

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Louisiana Conference A
New Orleans, Louisiana
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WEDNESDAY

The opening worship through the Service of Holy Communion was conducted by Dr. Clyde S. Clark, pastor of the host church and assisted by The Reverend Clarence G. Fuller, Jr., associate pastor. The service was based upon the Order of Administration of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper or Holy Communion of the United Methodist Church. It was prepared by The Reverend James D. Righter as an experimental modern worship service.

The Second Annual Meeting of the Louisiana Conference A Women's Society of the United Methodist Church was convened at 1:45 p.m., March 18, 1970 in the sanctuary of the First United Methodist Church, New Orleans, Louisiana, with the president, Mrs. Charles B. McGowan, presiding.

Mrs. Halbert Sawyer, president of the host society, extended a cordial welcome to all delegates and visitors. She introduced Mrs. A. C. Porter, the General Chairman for the meeting.

1970 Program Chairman, Mrs. George M. Chastain, Jr., presented the program with its theme, "O That All Might Catch The Flame!" She emphasized the importance of each person filling out the Evaluation Sheet found in her packet.

Procession of Banners: Mrs. McGowan explained that a Banner from each district, using the Assembly theme, "Choose Life," was brought to compete for first place. The Banner from Lafayette District was judged best. Then, this Banner vied with the first place winner of the Wesleyan Service Guild to determine which one would represent Louisiana Conference A at the General Assembly in Houston. Hammond District Wesleyan Service Guild was chosen. The procession brought all Banners into the sanctuary for viewing.

Bishop Aubrey G. Walton, Resident Bishop of Louisiana area, Conferences A and B, was presented by Mrs. C. B. McGowan.

Bishop Walton expressed his gratitude for Mrs. McGowan's outstanding work in the

church and his appreciation for her vision, her commitment and the program of the Women's Society as she continued to move forward in her work. Bishop Walton used Psalms 37:5, "Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him, and he will act." He stated in these days of confusion the words have much meaning and power. The days of the psalmist were similar to our days. Psalmist put his trust in God and we, too, should commit ourselves to the purpose of God. If God is to lead us, we should not be so stubborn and let God's will prevail. We are the instruments of God. As we face crisis, only are we to commit our ways to the Lord and let him bring it to pass.

Recommendations from the Executive Committee were read by the Secretary as follows: That Mrs. Carl Gallaher fill the unexpired term of Mrs. J. F. Rosett as Conference Vice President. That Miss Mildred Evans, who was elected Conference A Guild Chairman by the Wesleyan Service Guild, be confirmed by the delegation. That Mrs. Harris D. Copenhaver, Jr., from Baton Rouge District, fill the unexpired term of Mrs. John Nelson on the Committee on Nominations. Mrs. Aycock moved the approval of these recommendations. Motion carried.

Committee appointments were read by the Secretary as follows: Parliamentarian, Mrs. T. E. Kirkpatrick; Audit, Mrs. T. E. Kirkpatrick and Mrs. W. F. Manning, Jr.; Courtesy, Mrs. Robert Compton, Mrs. R. E. Carter and Mrs. Jesse Porter. Chairman of Tellers, Mrs. George Thomas. Tellers, Alexandria: Distributing, Mrs. Luther Rone; Counting, Mrs. C. E. Tull. Baton Rouge: Distributing, Mrs. Chris Hall; Counting, Mrs. Murphy Roberts. Hammond: Distributing, Mrs. Charles McKaskel; Counting, Mrs. Hershel Patten. Lafayette: Distributing, Mrs. Lowell Rue; Counting, Mrs. N. F. Atkinson. Lake Charles: Distributing, Mrs. William Peoples; Counting, Mrs. Curtis Carlin. Monroe: Distributing, Mrs. Ferrell Earl; Counting, Mrs. Martha Lingo. New Orleans: Distributing, Mrs. D. E. Watson; Counting, Mrs. R. R. Cahal. Ruston: Distributing, Mrs. Paul Pennington; Counting, Mrs. T. L. Fitzhugh. Shreveport: Distributing, Mrs. L. G. Thomas; Counting, Mrs. Robert Hill.

Constitution and Bylaws, Mrs. G. W. Dameron, Chairman, presented the report of the Committee on Constitution and Bylaws dated March 18-19, 1970 which was printed in a booklet. Corrections and additions were discussed.

After the changes in the local, district and conference societies were individually approved Mrs. Dameron moved the adoption of the report as a whole. Motion was seconded by Mrs. Bandel. Motion carried.

Mrs. W. B. Gardner, treasurer, called attention to the letter and the recommendations mailed to each local society for study in February, 1970. These recommendations were approved by the Executive Committee at the Mid-Year Executive Committee meeting. (Copy of this report is found in the minutes of the Mid-Year meeting.) Mrs. Gardner moved the adoption of the report. Motion seconded by Mrs. Aycock. Motion carried.

The Secretary read the following additional recommendations from the Committee on Finance which had been approved by the Executive Committee in its meeting just prior to the Annual Meeting.

1. That the offering taken on Wednesday evening be given as "in honor" gifts for Dr. Vela Cleveland, Miss Lois Miller and Bishop Walton.

2. That expenses of bus fare, hotel, and meal allowance be allowed for the vice president, Chairmen of Spiritual Growth and Missionary Education to attend the state meeting of Church Women United in Lafayette, Louisiana, on April 15th and 16th, 1970.

3. That a gift of \$50 be given to the state organization of Church Women United annually.

4. That the budgeted item of \$300 for Christian Social Relations be deleted from the standing rules (Standing Rule No. 12) to become effective with the 1971 budget.

5. That we recommend to each district society that they allow expenses for the district Chairman of Christian Social Relations to attend the 1971 briefing conference of Christian Social Concerns at Mt. Sequoyah, and that, if needed, each district's expenses will be supplemented by the Conference Society in the amount of \$15.

6. That a supplementary gift of \$250 be given to each of the five projects in Louisiana: Sager-Brown, Dulac, St. Marks, Business Girls' Inn, and MacDonell, and that the money be taken from the First Federal Savings & Loan Association, Alexandria, Louisiana.

7. That the Conference President and Conference Treasurer be authorized to investigate and take action on reinvestment of funds in Rapides Building & Loan Association, Alexandria, Louisiana.

8. That authority be granted the Conference Executive Committee to approve, upon recommendation of the Committee on Finance, the necessary expenditure of funds for the operation of the Conference Women's Society during the period from January 1, 1971 until such time as a budget for 1971 may be approved by a meeting of the Conference Society.

Miss Mildred Evans moved that the recommendations be accepted as presented. Motion seconded by Mrs. T. M. Ellis. Motion carried.

Mrs. McGowan presented Mesdames Aubrey G. Walton, Glen E. Laskey, L. B. Kilpatrick, George Sexton, Jr., Charles Cadwallader, G. W. Dameron and Alfred Knox. The project directors present were Mr. G. J. Bridges, MacDonell Methodist Center; Mr. Allen Hebert, Dulac Community Center; Miss Louise Sharp, St. Mark's Community Center; Miss Annie Mim, Peoples' Methodist Community Center. Mrs. V. W. Cothren, former New Orleans District president, and now of Little Rock, Arkansas, was introduced.

Mrs. Calvin Walters, Jr., president of the First United Church Society, Houma, was presented as one of the ten local presidents from over the South Central Jurisdiction, under 35 years of age, chosen by the South Central Jurisdiction to attend the General Assembly in Houston at the expense of the Jurisdiction.

Mrs. McGowan introduced Miss Mildred Evans, Conference Chairman, Wesleyan Service Guild, who gave the report found with other Conference Officers' reports.

Because of the time schedule in the program, Mrs. McGowan invited Mr. Bridges to bring greetings from MacDonell. He briefly reviewed the history of the institution and described the work being done for the emotionally disturbed children presently enrolled.

Dr. Vela Cleveland was introduced by Mrs. McGowan. Dr. Cleveland, a medical missionary on leave from India, used Corinthians 13:1 and the theme, "O That All Might Catch the Flame!" to develop her thoughts for her address. She stated that a missionary is wanted on the foreign fields today to witness as a Christian rather than as an authoritative person. The future depends on how sincerely she demonstrates daily love. Many problems are affected by the headlines of news from the United States. The general attitude of the foreign fields is — why send missionaries around the world when they are needed in the States. The missionary today must truly be touched by the flame of the Holy Spirit. Our Lord will not leave himself without a witness. Dr. Cleveland closed the meeting with prayer.

The dinner at 6:00 p.m. for delegates and conference guests was served in the Fellowship Hall by the host society.

The Evening Service was opened with the hymn, "Again as Evening Shadows Fall," and

followed by the scripture reading from Luke 12 and prayer by The Reverend G. W. Pomeroy, District Superintendent, of the New Orleans District.

Special music was rendered by the adult choir of First Church.

Miss Lois Miller was introduced by Mrs. McGowan. Miss Miller is the Associate General Secretary, Joint Commission on Education and Cultivation, Board of Missions. Using the letters RSVP to develop her four points, she described reconciliation as a necessity between generations today — between adults. How do you reconcile the haves and the havenots? Self-determination is found in the autonomous church. Dialogue is needed among churches overseas and here in the United States. How are we to respond to a church who says, "Thank you, we do not need your help." Veritas or beliefs are things we hold firm to, faith, love, truth, hope, purity and honesty are virtues that will endure. Proclamation — if anything has broken down, it is communication. If we live in obedience, then we should share and proclaim it. Response — if you become involved, your flame becomes alive.

The Reverend G. W. Pomeroy dismissed the evening session with prayer.

THURSDAY

Following the organ prelude at 8:30 a.m., the congregation sang two hymns, "At Thy Feet God and Father," and "We Would See Jesus." The Reverend L. Ray Branton, pastor of Aurora United Methodist Church, New Orleans, gave the morning meditation using as the scripture reading the third chapter of Exodus. He stated, "To contemporary Christians fire is a symbol of God. Fire is both man's friend and enemy. God can appear both to man as friend and enemy. There is curiosity and fear in the new. Why must the church be involved in social and political condition of the world? Jesus said, 'I am with you, trust me and obey me.' You are the light of the world. He does not give us tasks that are equal to us, but makes us equal to the tasks. God, whose action is like fire, does not leave us comfortably alone."

BUSINESS

The Secretary, **Mrs. Aycock**, read Standing Rule No. 3 of the Conference Society for the voting membership. Those eligible to vote counted off. The voting strength was declared to be 136 votes.

Mrs. Edgar E. Cayard, Chairman, Committee on Nominations made the following report: for president, **Mrs. Charles B. McGowan**; Chairman of the Program Area of Spiritual Growth, **Mrs. George M. Chastain, Jr.**; Secretary of Program Materials, **Mrs. Robert Compton**. There being no further nominations from the floor, the nominations closed. The officers were duly elected.

Mrs. George Thomas asked for a rising vote of thanks for these officers who would remain in office in service.

School of Christian Mission, 1970, **Mrs. Carl Gallaher**, Assistant Dean, stated the theme to be, "Serving God in Today's World." The School will be held July 21-24 at Centenary College. Registration fee, \$5.00; room per person per night, \$2.50; breakfast, \$1.00; lunch, \$1.25; and the evening meal, \$1.50. The program was reviewed and a challenge given to all to attend and participate in the total program of the School.

Cooperative Weekend School of Christian Mission will be held at Centenary College July 25-26 for those who cannot attend the School for a week. The courses, Psalms, Communicating the Gospel and The Americas will be presented.

An Invitation for the Third Annual Meeting in 1971 was issued as an attractive Banner

was unfurled. It revealed that the First United Methodist Church Women's Society of Baton Rouge extended the invitation. Mrs. Bruce A. Boyer — president, Mrs. Chris Hall, Mrs. M. R. McCarty and Mrs. Lewis P. Manson presented the clever invitation which was accepted by the delegation.

Audit Committee, Mrs. T. E. Kirkpatrick reported that the committee approved the minutes thus far and asked the privilege to complete the audit at the conclusion of the meeting.

Mrs. McGowan presented Miss Lois Miller. Again, Miss Miller continued her trend of thought using the letters RSVP. Her challenge to be the kind of reconcilers the world so desperately needs today, to understand those with self-determination to do for themselves, to believe in veritas, eternal, lasting things and proclaim the truths by witnessing for Christ. She closed her address by reading a prayer.

Report of Registration of those present was given by Mrs. R. R. Selenberg, visitors 167, delegates 143, conference officers 12, district officers 23, past presidents 5, workers at projects 4, Wesleyan Service Guild 2, and Conference B 3.

Committee on Resolutions, Mrs. Robert Compton, Chairman, read the following:

We want to express our sincere appreciation to all who have made this second Annual Meeting of the Women's Society such a memorable one.

To our Bishop, who challenged us to put our trust in the Lord and assume our responsibilities.

To our ministers, who contributed through their service; especially our host ministers, Dr. Clark and The Reverend Fuller for the celebration of Holy Communion.

To Dr. Vela Cleveland, who kindled a spark by telling the changing role of the missionary.

To Miss Lois Miller who made us aware the world is sending the church an invitation and we must RSVP lest we quench the flame.

For all the kindnesses, good food, beautiful flowers, special music and the many other courtesies that have been extended to us by the women of this church with their president, Mrs. Sawyer, and the women of the New Orleans District and their president, Mrs. Cayard, we are most grateful.

May the spark that has been ignited here help us set the world aflame.

Mrs. Robert Compton, Chairman
Mrs. Jesse Porter
Mrs. R. E. Carter

Mrs. Carl Gallaher presented Mrs. Charles B. McGowan. In her president's message Mrs. McGowan discussed three phases of most interest to women at this time: (1) The merger of Conferences A and B. (2) Experiences at meetings of the Board of Mission Women's Division. (3) Continued movement for equality of women. Mrs. McGowan stated that Louisiana Conference B has three districts, Conference A has 9. Out of the Committee on Merger came the recommendation that there be 10 districts and that they be redivided according to geographical locations. Only churches who are members of the United Methodist Church are involved. The women's work does not have the problems of salaries, properties, etc., as the church has, but there will be conflicts of emotions.

The work of the Women's Society is further ahead than the church. Merger will be only on the Conference and District levels.

There are 1,500 missionaries in the field working in many projects. 36,500 Women's Societies and Guilds involve over 2 million members. Over 100 years ago the first workers went to foreign fields under the direction of the men of the church, but in 1892 the Discipline changed this and the women were responsible for the program and for raising funds to support the program. Thus, missionary work began. It has increased rapidly since.

Little progress has been made in the church for equality of women. However, through the years three hundred million dollars have been given for missions and over four hundred million dollars have been spent on local work.

Mrs. McGowan closed her message by stressing how important that in these times of changes we must learn to love each other.

Pledge Service: Mrs. W. B. Gardner, treasurer, conducted the pledge service which included each treasurer from the nine districts. Members from the districts stood as her district treasurer accepted the pledge. Mrs. Gardner presented the total pledge to Mission for 1970 in the amount of \$158,070 to the Conference President. Mrs. McGowan accepted the pledge and gave a prayer of dedication of these gifts.

The Reverend L. R. Branton gave the benediction.

Mrs. McGowan declared the Second Annual Meeting of the Women's Society of Christian Service adjourned at 12:00 noon.

The recession of the Banners concluded the meeting.

Mrs. L. C. Aycock, Secretary
Mrs. Charles B. McGowan, President

Audit:

Mrs. T. E. Kirkpatrick
Mrs. W. F. Manning, Jr.

CONFERENCE OFFICERS' REPORTS

PRESIDENT — Mrs. Charles B. McGowan

At the Annual Meeting held in New Orleans at the First United Methodist Church, I spoke to you on three areas of concern:

1. The merger of Conference A and B into one Church Conference and the Conference Women's Society and Wesleyan Service Guild into one Conference Society and Guild.

2. My experiences at the Annual Meetings of The General Board of Missions and The Women's Division.

3. The continuing movement for equality for women.

I chose these three points because they are issues in which we are very much involved.

Since I brought to you the plans for the merger of the two Annual Conferences, the plans were accepted as presented to the two conferences when they were holding their respective Annual Conference. We do not all agree on the wisdom of this merger, but we trust that God has His hand in bringing it into being, so let us strive to make it work.

We have studied reconciliation and its implications for us as instruments of reconciliation and as agents through whom God works. At no time in history has there been greater need for God's reconciling love than there is right now. We are separated from our brothers of all races. Even within our own race, we find the same gaps existing and an apathy toward bridging those chasms which seem to grow wider and deeper. Can it be that we are more concerned with our own interests, in maintaining our own way of life, rather than heeding the mandate of Christ to love one another and in so doing, break down barriers of hate and indifference?

There are times when we must take a look at ourselves to see where we stand. Our pledges to missions have diminished for several years and yet we are unable to meet the pledge made by the Districts and Conference. This comes right back to us as individuals for we are the ones who make and pay these pledges. Some of us are making smaller pledges for various reasons. One of these is that some of us who are on a fixed income have barely enough to meet our own needs. Some of us give less because we do not like the direction in which the General Board of Missions and the Women's Division are moving as they serve as the "cutting edge" of the Church in the area of Missions. We need to remember that the National Division is related to 84 Community Centers. For many of us, this is The National Division's full program. This is what we are interested in. Even in Louisiana where several of these Community Centers are located, we find that their programs have been updated to meet the needs of the Community and the people in that community. The National Division has other programs of equal importance. They have had concern for the welfare of minority groups and communities which need help in economic development. In the July-August issue of the INTERPRETER, there is an article by Dr. J. Edward Carothers entitled "CHRISTIAN MISSION AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT." I think that you will get the picture of what the National Division of the Board of Missions is trying to do if you will read this. We must read to be informed.

This morning as I read PEANUTS, my third point was humorously brought to my attention when Lucy spoke to Snoopy — "I hear that you're going to give a

fourth of July speech. I'd suggest that you speak on the New Women's Liberation Movement because it's really the most important thing that...". And the reply from Snoopy — "Smak" (surrounded by hearts). "I don't recall asking for advice, Sweetie" (enclosed in hearts). I feel very much as Lucy did, for it put this area of concern in the place of being of importance. For it is through the media of art, cartoons, music, editorials, etc., that we see the topics of the day being emphasized.

It has been said that the greatest source of untapped power is women. How forcibly this was manifested when close to ten thousand women, representing one million six hundred thousand women gathered in Houston for the Eighth Assembly, refused to be stampeded or polarized on controversial issues presented there. We were drawn back in high resolve to work within the framework of the purpose of the Women's Society of Christian Service and the Wesleyan Service Guild.

This has been a BANNER Year. Let us gather our forces and our resources together — CHOOSE LIFE — and go forward as Christian women to help carry God's message of love and forgiveness to all.

VICE-PRESIDENT — Mrs. Carl Gallaher

There has been some excellent work done and growth recorded in the area of programming in the Women's Society during the past year. The Vice-Presidents, along with the Committee on Program, have planned and presented some very fine programs. Action from these programs has resulted in many groups being involved in meaningful community services.

Information and program materials collected throughout the year have been channeled to the district vice-presidents and the response from these officers has been outstanding. They have done a fine job in helping the local vice-presidents.

The Vice-President attended a meeting at St. Paul's School of Theology. "The Adventure in Communications," was sponsored by the Jurisdiction Society-Guild Core Group and led by Mr. Louis Mobley of the IBM Corporation. Other topics discussed were how to set goals and making decisions. The Vice-President has also written several articles and participated in programs and installation services whenever possible.

There has been an emphasis on the importance of the regular evaluation of programs and making plans and setting goals in each local society.

May the new program book "Risk and Reality" and the guide to program planning "How to Booklet," be a real challenge to each one of us as we DISCOVER — RESPOND — RISK — REALITY.

TREASURER — Mrs. Wiley Gardner

I want to say first how smooth the transition into the calendar year, being the fiscal year, everything went. This was due in a large way to the district treasurers working so hard and so long in getting in reports and getting the reports to me. And of course, they could not have received the reports if the local treasurers had not done their work well. To each of you, let me say "thank you" for all the help and work that you did to get us into this new set-up. I know you are as glad as I am that everything now is going to the same date. The treasurer's year, the program year, and the officers' year will all be on the calendar-fiscal year.

I have prepared a six-months report for the ANNUAL REPORT. Please let me urge you to not only read the report, but study it carefully. It is a report of your work. Does it present the picture you want shown? You will see we did not reach half of our pledge the first six months, so this means each one of us is going to have to work harder for the next six months. Let me urge each one of you to resolve that the Conference will meet its 1970 PLEDGE TO MISSION and then let us work to make it come true.

Remember that in November or December you will be making your pledge for 1971. Please pray about this and see if you can increase your pledge — if you can, please do. If you find you cannot increase your pledge, why not increase your giving by MY WORLD BANK. Speaking of giving, remember there is no nicer gift to be given or to receive than a SPECIAL MEMBERSHIP or a GIFT TO MISSION — and they help your Conference to meet its pledge.

Thank you for allowing me to have a part in the work you have done this past year. I am entering my third year as your treasurer and it does not seem like I have served more than a year. I believe that indicates the joy I have had in serving you.

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE A

Women's Society of Christian Service and Wesleyan Service Guild

April 1, 1970

Second Quarter Report

June 30, 1970

RECEIPTS

April.....	\$ 3,583.31
May.....	1,769.23
June.....	44,601.34
TOTAL.....	\$49,953.88

Balance on Hand

4-1-70.....\$31,042.88

TOTAL to be

Accounted.....\$81,042.88

DISBURSEMENTS

April.....	\$ 3,935.79
May.....	2,108.16
June.....	47,739.17
TOTAL.....	\$53,783.12

\$81,042.88

\$53,783.12

\$27,259.76

RECEIPTS

Dividends.....	\$ 37.73
Returned to Cultivation	
Assembly Account.....	91.10
Refund: Reg. School of	
Christian Mission.....	108.00
Districts.....	172.05
Registration (Annual	
Meeting).....	5.75
Annual Reports sold.....	11.00
Gift (Bishop Walton).....	60.00
First Federal Savings	
& Loan Association.....	1,250.00
Louisiana Moral and	
Civic Foundation.....	10.00
Assembly Offering.....	887.41
Registration Conference	
School of C. Mission.....	350.00
Membership.....	3,811.85
2nd Quarter Reports.....	43,158.99
TOTAL.....	\$49,953.88

Balance in Bank

6-30-70.....\$27,259.76

DISBURSEMENTS

Women's Division.....	\$48,391.24
Annual Meeting	
W.S.C.S.....	685.34
W.S.G.	874.29
Conference Committee.....	6.92
Regional School of	
C. Mission	
W.S.C.S.....	874.91
W.S.G.	212.30
Conference School of	
Christian Mission.....	26.28
Conference Office Expense.....	285.34
District Officers Training.....	441.83
Assembly Expense	
W.S.C.S.....	500.00
W.S.G.	10.00
Church Women United.....	50.00
Conference Program Council	
(Youth Work).....	150.00
L.M.C.F.....	374.67
District Cultivation.....	900.00
TOTAL.....	\$53,783.12

January 1, 1970

**LOUISIANA CONFERENCE A
Women's Society of Christian Service and Wesleyan Service Guild
Remittance to Women's Division**

June 30, 1970

	FIRST QUARTER		TOTAL	SECOND QUARTER		TOTAL
	W.S.C.S.	W.S.G.		W.S.C.S.	W.S.G.	
I. UNDESIGNATED GIFTS:						
Pledge to Mission	\$18,546.56	\$2,238.33	\$20,784.89	\$29,971.72	\$5,379.69	\$35,351.41
Special Memberships	1,630.00	542.00	2,172.00	3,374.35	540.00	3,914.35
&						
Gifts to Mission				41.50		41.50
In Remembrance Gifts	234.65	30.00	264.65	410.50	56.20	466.70
Thank Offering	46.27	17.50	63.77	198.15	12.75	210.90
My World Bank	113.84	44.89	158.73	613.35	65.86	679.21
TOTAL — ON PLEDGE	\$20,571.32	\$2,872.72	\$23,444.04	\$34,609.57	\$6,054.50	\$40,644.07
II. DESIGNATED GIFTS:						
Call to Prayer &						
Self-Denial	\$ 270.40	\$ 291.93	\$ 562.33	\$ 3,220.18	\$ 977.06	\$ 4,197.24
SUPPLEMENTARY GIFTS						
World	45.00	31.50	76.50	55.40	34.00	89.40
National	327.10	57.50	384.60	1,019.12	94.50	1,113.62
Conference (National)				1,250.00		1,250.00
TOTAL — SUPPLEMENTARY	\$ 372.10	\$ 89.00	\$ 461.10	\$ 2,324.52	\$ 128.50	\$ 2,453.02
CONFERENCE PLEDGE — 1970	\$132,817.00	\$25,254.00	\$158,071.00			
TOTAL — PAID ON PLEDGE	55,180.89	8,927.22	64,108.11			
BALANCE ON PLEDGE	\$ 77,636.11	\$16,326.78	\$ 93,962.89			

Work in program area of Christian Social Relations has been carried on through the district chairmen (included a Seminar on Drug Abuse), and through two important task groups. From one — "Toward Successful Merger" — came suggestions for using dialogue and discussion groups with youth and adults of both Conferences (A & B); also films and choir exchanges, thus promoting friendship through better understanding. The other, in cooperation with Church Women United, held a workshop on World Development in Alexandria, with a rich and meaningful program that I feel was of much benefit to all who participated.

District Chairmen, in Officer Training session, expressed their concerns, including school integration problems, concern for migrant workers, pollution and drug abuse. We found, later, that these concerns are shared with workers in the areas of Missionary Education and Spiritual Growth. This was a vivid reminder to those of us who attended a special training session of conference program area chairmen and Wesleyan Service Guild chairmen in Cincinnati. There the Unity of Our Mission was stressed, revealing to us that, though our problems may seem unsurmountable when viewed as individuals . . . in togetherness, much can be accomplished, and there is hope for the future.

MISSIONARY EDUCATION — Mrs. Gilbert Bandel, Chairman

The 1969-70 year has been rich in challenge. New patterns emerge so fast it is difficult to keep abreast of changes.

Rev. Lawson Lee, returned missionary from Uruguay and now a local pastor at Lawton, Oklahoma, itinerated the nine district meetings and gave to us a view of what is happening world-wide as countries assert their independence and try to make Christ known to their own people in their own way with their own leadership. His message was full of hope built on faith that the seeds have been sown in good ground.

One of our most valuable aids in keeping informed is the 1969 Report of the Board of Missions. I urge each society to secure a copy from Service Center.

Two new missionary families have been added to our "loving concern list" for Louisiana: Dr. and Mrs. Jas. McClendon serving in India and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Messenger in Rhodesia. Please check your Prayer Calendar for details and birthdays.

As this report goes to press, we will be adventuring in our first Conference cooperative Week-End School of Mission. All nine districts report Fall Mission Study Conferences. We need to continue to promote these cooperative ventures to strengthen the study program in each local church. We acknowledge gratefully the leadership of Rev. and Mrs. Garland Dean in these areas.

The best officer training that has come my way was the four-day meeting in Cincinnati this spring as chairmen of Christian Social Relations, Missionary Education, Spiritual Growth and Guild from nearly fifty conferences met with leadership from the Divisions of the Board of Missions. You will see results of that meeting as overall program plans are made for our Louisiana Conference. Thank you, all of you, for making it possible for this meeting to take place.

God bless you as you continue in mission.

Unlike the other program areas, spiritual growth has no yardstick to measure its progress or chart its accomplishments. There is no doubt that through personal devotions and corporate worship, the women of Louisiana Conference A are vitally concerned with the life of the spirit. This, however, is not enough. The task of the chairmen of this program area is to so completely integrate this aspect of our Christian life that no longer will we be aware of the "separateness" of the program areas and of our own activities. Our concept of "worship" must change — and will change as we study and act and read.

The encompassing nature of worship was clearly stated by a group of women who met in Oklahoma City. This is what they understood "worship" to mean: "If we truly believe that all of life is a gift from God, then we interpret life as the activity of God and our every act is undertaken in response to him. This response is worship."

To put this belief into action is the task of the three program areas.

PROGRAM MATERIALS — Mrs. Robert Compton, Secretary

We are a vital link in helping members in our Societies and Guilds secure and interpret the resources for our tasks.

We have the **Annual Report, Prayer Calendar, and Project Handbook, Overseas Missions** for the special resources of the Board of Missions. The **Handbook, Constitution and By-Laws, Program Resource Book, Committee on Nominations Handbook** and many other resources for our use.

We need to promote the Books for Reading with a definite reading plan to urge the reading of four books each year. Be sure to get this leaflet with the suggested books.

Our magazines **response** and **new/World Outlook** are necessary to keep us informed as members. As you know, **World Outlook** has joined with **new**, a publication of the United Presbyterian Church, and is now called **new/World Outlook**.

Materials were sold at our School of Christian Mission in July, 1969, in the amount of \$754.36.

It was my privilege to visit Service Center in Cincinnati, November 18-20, along with other Conference Secretaries from all over the United States. We became acquainted with the Center and the resource persons and were helped to interpret our materials.

Using the resources, being informed, and concerned, we will commit ourselves to help through witness, service, and missionary outreach.

WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD — Miss Mildred Evans, Chairman

You have come to this, our second annual meeting, opened today with an inspiring service of Holy Communion, for inspiration, knowledge and guidance in your work as members and leaders in the Wesleyan Service Guild and Women's Society of Christian Service of Louisiana Conference "A".

Your program committee has made every effort to plan for you the kind of meeting you want. Your Conference Guild Committee does its very best and works diligently to give you the guidance and leadership you need and desire. How well we succeed in our efforts, however, depends largely on you — the members. When you do not come to your annual

meeting and your Guild Weekend or any Conference event planned for you, the members, then we are just "spinning our wheels". This is your Guild and as members you have a responsibility for its work, growth and success throughout the Louisiana Conference.

The past year has brought changes, both good and bad, to the Louisiana Conference "A" Wesleyan Service Guild. We no longer have a Conference newspaper. We have lost units and members. On the brighter side, we have seen the birth of a new district, the formation of a task group to work on the education and directive areas of the Wesleyan Service Guild and its relation to the Women's Society of Christian Service and the local church, and further steps taken to include Conference "B" Guild officers in our meetings.

We have been offered many opportunities for work and growth. Some of these opportunities were in connection with the 1970 Assembly in Houston, Texas, May 7-10, 1970. One of these included the making of banners on the Assembly theme. The others were an opportunity for amateur film makers and the South Central Jurisdiction Society/Guild's contest for young women 35 years old and under.

The weekend of September 11-14, 1969, I had the privilege of participating in a laboratory on leadership and communication at the Center for Renewal on the campus of St. Paul's School of Theology in Kansas City, Missouri, led by Mr. Louis Mobley of IBM Corporation. We did not just "hear about" leadership. We experienced facets of it which are applicable in our work in the church, as well as in our work-a-day jobs. We were given ideas for and practice in goal-setting, both long range and short-term. Following Mr. Mobley's leadership, Miss Mary Lou VanBuren from the staff of the Women's Division assumed leadership in assisting each conference group in doing some exercising in goal-setting. This project was planned by the Society/Guild Core-Planning Group of the South Central Jurisdiction for the president, vice-president and Guild chairman of each conference and for members of any pilot groups in operation in the area.

Our Conference Guild Weekend held July 25-27, 1969 on the campus of Centenary College, had as its theme "All Things New". Our guest speakers and resource persons were Mrs. Cornelia Lake Smith, Women's Division Staff in the Nashville Area and Mrs. John L. Howe, Jr., member-at-large of Core Planning Group, South Central Jurisdiction Society/Guild.

At our Guild Weekend, it was unanimously decided that the Guild cooperate with the total church in a Cooperative Weekend School of Mission. This action for change offers another opportunity for growth.

The new Hammond District Guild was organized at an impressive meeting on Sunday afternoon, September 21, at the Elizabeth Sullivan Memorial United Methodist Church in Bogalusa, Louisiana. The District officers were installed, in a challenging service, by Mrs. C. B. McGowan, President, Louisiana Conference "A" Women's Society of Christian Service. The officers elected were: Mrs. Vera Packer, District Chairman; Miss Louise Perritt, Secretary; and Mrs. Edith Liles, Chairman, Committee on Nominations.

Our pledge to missions given at our annual meeting last March, for the period June 1, 1969 to December 31, 1969 was \$15,847.00. We did not meet this pledge. This means that some project or field of work will not receive the funds that are necessary for its operation. This means, too, that the membership failed in their responsibility and that the officers were not successful in their leadership.

Now that we have reviewed the past, let us briefly discuss the future — the year 1970-1971. What does it hold for us? Dare we accept the challenge of another year with all of its hope?

May I quote? "The new official emblem for the United Methodist Church combines the

cross and a flame symbolizing the Holy Spirit. The new emblem for Women's Societies and Wesleyan Service Guilds likewise includes the cross and flame.

"The cross and flame are ancient symbols of the church, dating back to the days of Christ and Pentecost. Each evokes images of sacrifice, witness and service. Both remind us of opportunities and obligations of discipleship. Paul's ancient words to Timothy have fresh and contemporary meaning: ' . . . I now remind you to stir into flame the gift of God which is within you . . . ' (II Timothy 1:6 — NEB.)

"As part of the emblem for the Women's Society and Wesleyan Service Guild, these symbols remind us of our PURPOSE, that of helping women to grow in their understanding of and willingness to participate in the mission of the church. These also remind us of our heritage, of women who pioneered in service for the church at home and abroad and in organizing women for mission service and support in many areas of need.

"The shape of the emblem is likewise symbolic. It is fluid and freeflowing, suggesting change and mobility. As organized groups of women, this has been our heritage. Often at the forefront of movements for change, at times supporting the projects initiated by others, but always aware of the times and striving to move with them rather than be overwhelmed by them.

"The cross, the flame, and the individual with her abilities and opportunities — all elements of a 20th century movement for United Methodist Women."

The theme of our meeting is "O, That All Might Catch The Flame!" Are we willing to "Catch The Flame" and work to keep it living so that it becomes a fire?

The answer to these questions depends on you — the members.

We need, want and desire new members — young women, particularly, and new units throughout our Conference. We need and desire good officers — leadership, if you will — interested, dedicated, responsible leaders. Let me quote, again: "In the middle ages, because so few people could read, one person led and others listened. Why do we continue this method today? Listening to wise statements and sound advice does little for anyone. In the process of learning, the learner's cooperation is necessary and must be provided for, because it does not happen automatically. 'Telling' is not the best way to pass on knowledge to others.

"It is thought that our desire to pass on our knowledge comes from the feeling of superiority that it gives us. If we are to become effective leaders, we must be mobile and assume responsibility, always remembering, however, that any information or fact we can give will not in itself improve for others, the insight, judgment or ability to act wisely. Knowledge and insight must be our own gained through active thought and feeling on our part.

"The years 1965-75 will record a change in society regarding leadership groups: ages 25-35 will increase 40%; 36-46 will decrease 8%; 47-57 will increase 6%; 58-65 will increase 16%. At present, leadership comes primarily from the 36-65 year groups; however, in the future more leadership will be coming from the 25-35 range. In addition, women, minorities and retired people will furnish more leadership than before.

"Leadership is running low right now. Let us provide opportunities for strong give and take in groups, cultivate the art of exchanging ideas and learn from each other as we work for creative thinking and capable leadership."

Your opportunities for "give and take", for exchanging ideas and learning from each other are provided in such meetings as this, in our Annual Guild Weekend, in our

Conference School of Christian Mission, in Regional School of Christian Mission, in District Meetings, in the local meetings and now in the newly formed Cooperative Weekend School of Mission.

As members with an obligation, we urge you to take advantage of these opportunities.

As we proceed through the year, working with the members of Conference "B", working to meet the pledge to missions, the District Chairmen will make this afternoon, working to strengthen and increase our membership, my prayer and that of your Conference Officers and Guild Committee, is that you will be responsible, involved, communicating members, living, selling and sharing Guild because the answer to our questions depends on you — the members.

Your membership in the Wesleyan Service Guild is a responsibility.

It is to YOU that the Conference looks for membership growth.

It is YOU who must get involved and efficiently communicate.

It is YOU who creates and maintains a good GUILD image.

It is YOU who must live, sell and share GUILD.

It is YOU who must "Catch The Flame" and bring it to a living continuing fire.

DISTRICT PRESIDENTS' REPORTS

ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT

Mrs. T. C. Young, President

We began our year without a District Chairman of Christian Social Relations or Secretary of Program Materials. These vacancies were later filled. A District-wide officer training was held September 10. This was well attended. A Spin-Off Workshop on World Economic Development, planned by Conference W.S.C.S. and Guild officers and local Church Women United, was held in October. This was not well attended, but a wonderful program was given. The District President attended the Jurisdictional Mission Conference in July. The Spring Sub-District programs were outstanding. Mrs. G. W. Dameron spoke at one on "Membership", Mrs. Gilbert Bandel spoke at another and led us in a challenging way in what we could do as a local member. The Wesley Foundation group led the program in another and it was late enough that a report on the Assembly was given. Rev. Lawson Lee spoke at our District Annual Meeting in Bunkie. A stormy day — but our ladies came and enjoyed the meeting. Four from our district attended the Assembly in Houston. This has been a "banner" year — full of changes and excitement. I think we are prepared for all the changes before us. Some small societies have disbanded and some are making efforts to reorganize. We did not pay our pledges in full this year. This is grievous unto us and we will strive to do all we can to better interpret the needs of mission and to interest women through the purpose of our society.

BATON ROUGE DISTRICT

Mrs. Harris D. Copenhaver, Jr., President

The theme "What does the Lord require of you?" has set the tone for our year's work. We began 1969-70 participating in leadership training and mission study by attending District Officers' Training, School of Christian Mission, South Central Mission Conference, and Fall District Mission Study Conference. Officers' Training Day was attended by 120 officers representing 22 of the 25 societies. District and Conference Officers of Conferences A and B cooperated in a Spiritual Retreat. A District Day Apart was also held. We had good representation at Annual Meeting in New Orleans, our District Meeting, and the Assembly in Houston, attended by seven members of our District Executive Committee. Conference and

District Officers have been invited by societies to speak about the Women's Society. We have had a closer relationship as a result of the personal contact and through the publishing of our newsletter every other month. Local societies have discovered a variety of ways to meet individuals and community needs as well as needs of our Methodist projects in Louisiana. The needs are all around us. We must be the arm of the Church that reaches out to those in need of Christian love and concern.

HAMMOND DISTRICT
Mrs. Sam Clay, Jr., President

The Hammond District has been in a year of organization. We started out with little knowledge but great determination and much enthusiasm has been shown throughout the district. Our Wesleyan Service Guild Chairman and President have worked closely together.

Our societies and guilds entered nine inspiring and beautiful banners in the District Banner Contest. The banner from the Wesleyan Service Guild from the First United Methodist Church of Greensburg won first place in our district and went on to place first in the state and was sent to the Assembly. The banner from the Women's Society of Christian Service from the Elizabeth Sullivan Memorial United Methodist Church of Bogalusa was the runner-up for our district.

We divided into two sub-districts and organizational meetings and local officer training were held in the fall. The sub-districts each held retreats in May, one near Hammond, the other near Bogalusa. Both were very inspiring and well attended.

The District Meeting was held at the First United Methodist Church of Slidell. 87 members representing 13 of our societies were present.

We feel one of our greatest needs is to find a way to more effectually reach our smaller societies.

LAFAYETTE DISTRICT
Mrs. Beldon Fox, President

All meetings held by the Conference, District, Church, Project Boards, School of Christian Mission, District Workshop, Executive Committee and Assembly were well attended by Women's Society of Christian Service and Wesleyan Service Guild members. Special memberships and a gift to missions were given to honor Mr. and Mrs. John Howe, Jr., when they left MacDonell Methodist Center. The Society assisted the Guild in their very successful Pilot study. Cooperation between the Society, Guild, and Conference B members was rewarding in all areas. The District was proud to have the winning banner in the Conference Women's Society Banner Contest. It was entered by the Society from Franklin First Church. Mrs. Calvin Walters, Jr., President of the Society of Houma First Church, was the winner of the trip to Assembly given by the Jurisdiction in its Local Presidents 35 or Under contest. Retiring officers were honored at the Annual District Meeting by a gift to missions. The retiring president was given an Honorary Membership.

Mrs. Louie Chrisman was elected District President and was a delegate to Assembly. She has attended all Sub-District meetings, Officers Training, and held the Spring Executive Committee meeting to set goals and plans for the year 1970-71.

LAKE CHARLES DISTRICT

Mrs. Jesse Porter, President

District in 1969 reported 33 societies with a total membership of 1497. Four Societies were lost in 1970 and 129 members. Ten societies showed an increase of 115 new members. Nine showed a decrease and ten held their own. The total for 1970 is 29 societies with 1456 members. Ninety-two women in the district are involved in reading program. Twenty-six societies are using "Now Prophets" and "Choice and Change" as program resource materials. Some reported using "Reconciliation in Broken World" and "Inner Life" as circle materials. District presented honorary membership to Mrs. Elaine Porter and Mrs. Rosa McCullough. Special memberships to Mrs. Ben Ruhl, Mrs. Curtis Carlin, Mrs. Martin Wagon, Mrs. T. J. McNeilly. Gifts to mission to Mesdames Cornelius Staples, Alton Granger, E. A. Doland.

Quiet Day was held September 26 in Lake Arthur. Program this year was a Lay Witness. Women from West Monroe, Tioga, Pineville, and Lake Charles were witnesses. Mission Conference on Mission Studies was held in Lake Charles September 29 and Jennings September 30. Women's Society served as leaders. Officers Training Day, September 9, University Church — Shirley Hoffpauir and Elaine Porter itinerated district speaking, training, and promoting. There is more interest this year in finances and where our money is going.

Projects are heart warming; one group helped get seminar in their church on "What is Sex Education" complete with hate mail and telephone calls. Another is involved in coaching, providing transportation and a place to study for underprivileged children, who are now making passing grades.

MONROE DISTRICT

Mrs. Don Wineinger, President

Leadership training was offered in two sections last spring, with over 100 women being reached. Attendance at School of Christian Mission was smaller than usual. The chairman of Missionary Education was in attendance at Mt. Sequoyah. The district Mission Study Conference was planned by the district mission study committee. The conference was held on two nights in different areas of the district, with good interest, and a representative group of men and women, clergy and laity. Last fall the sub-district chairmen met with local presidents of their respective areas to evaluate the purpose of meetings.

At the district Annual Meeting, 8 women of Conference B were in attendance. Members of the district executive committee have also met jointly.

The Spiritual Growth Retreat in April was held in Lake Providence, with 85 women in attendance. All but one of the elected leadership attended District Officer Training. Eleven women of Monroe District participated in the Assembly in Houston. Both out-going and in-coming officers are working closely with the Wesleyan Service Guild.

NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT

Mrs. Edgar E. Cayard, President

On June 1st, the New Orleans District lost eight societies to the new Hammond District and two others by church merger, leaving twenty-nine societies, with 1,399 members.

The 1969 School of Christian Missions for the Conference was well attended by district and local officers. The secretary of Missionary Education and Service attended the Jurisdictional Missionary Conference at Mt. Sequoyah.

The District Mission Study Conference was held in cooperation with the New Orleans District chairman on missions.

There was good attendance and participation in the missions institute sponsored by Church Women United.

The District Annual Meeting was held April 17th, at the Lake Vista Church. The Reverend Lawson Lee, the principal speaker, gave an interesting and inspiring message about the mission work in Uruguay.

On February 18, the district chairman of Spiritual Growth, Miss Fae Daves, planned a "Day Apart." Mrs. George Chastain, Conference Spiritual Growth Chairman was the program leader. Conference B was invited to participate in this activity.

Local societies, in addition to the regular programs, gave many hours of cooperative effort to the Methodist Hospital Auxiliary Project — The November Affair. This was an ecumenical, community-wide undertaking to raise a large sum of money for the new Methodist Hospital.

Officers attended a luncheon meeting given by Conference B honoring Mrs. Cornelia Lake Smith, staff secretary of the Women's Division.

Local society program activities have included an overnight retreat that was a huge success, work in prison rehabilitation, establishment of a thrift shop at St. Mark's Community Center, working with home for the aged, making layettes for the Methodist Home Hospital, and collecting food and clothes for Hurricane Camille victims.

Board meetings of St. Mark's Community Center, Wesley Foundation of Tulane-Newcomb and L.S.U.N.O. are attended regularly by the District President.

RUSTON DISTRICT

Mrs. W. F. Manning, Jr., President

The year 1969-70 began with the district executive committee meeting when goals were set for the coming year. Fewer district officers were able to attend the Conference School of Mission this year than before but many local women attended with some coming for only one day. The District Mission Study Conference was held September 4th with two sessions. All three studies were presented in two sessions during the morning at Grace Church in Ruston and one session of each study was held that night in the Arcadia Church. This study conference was held in cooperation with the Ruston District Committee on Mission. The three teachers for the studies were Mrs. C. B. McGowan, President of Louisiana Women's Society; Mrs. T. E. Kirkpatrick, Shreveport District president; Dr. Thomas Carruth, professor at Asbury School of Theology — there were 194 persons in attendance. Sub-district meetings were held during the last of September and the first of October for the purpose of officer training and all four meetings were well attended. Rev. and Mrs. Ralph Cain presented a filmstrip "BANNERS" and told of the joy of making banners, along with methods used in making them. Four banners were made and judged by a team of three women and the one taking first place was exhibited at the Conference meeting held during March in New Orleans. The District Annual Meeting was held April 8th in Trinity United Methodist Church. Rev. Lawson Lee, a former missionary to Uruguay and now pastor of St. Paul Methodist Church in Lawton, Okla., spoke to a group of 100 interested members of the district about the changes being made in world missions as these churches become autonomous. Although one more society has been reactivated this year, our membership shows a loss. There are now 34 societies with a total membership of 1,254 and 10 Wesleyan Service Guilds with a membership of 231, bringing the overall membership of our district to 1,485. I appreciate the cooperation given me by both conference and district officers, as well as that received from the women in the local societies. I pray that the efforts of all during the year will prove to be fruitful in furthering the kingdom of God on earth.

SHREVEPORT DISTRICT
Mrs. T. E. Kirkpatrick, President

Following the Quiet Day for district leaders (A and B) in May, 1969, two sub-districts had similar meetings at Zwolle and Hosston. The sub-district leader and district president met with presidents of the Shreveport area in late August at St. Luke's to discuss and plan. The presidents decided that one regular meeting each year was enough and that it should be used mainly for officer training. The three sub-districts met separately (First, Bossier City; Keithville; and Christ Church) during early Fall for leadership training under direction of the district officers.

Many from this district shared and learned at the Conference School of Christian Mission in July, which was hosted by the societies from First, Bossier City; Barksdale; and Love Chapel. For the second year, through the planning of the District Committee on Mission Studies, a Mission Study Conference was held for Districts A and B at Cedar Grove.

The District Society provided a scholarship for a youth, Susan Boyd of Mansfield, to attend Jurisdictional Missionary Conference at Mt. Sequoyah.

The World Federation of Methodist Women held a workshop on Human Rights in Shreveport in November and a few of the women from this area attended.

In December, the district president made the report of the District Women's Society and Guild to the District Church Conference at Mangum.

The District Christian Social Relations Committee, with the support of the District Society, sponsored a seminar for adults and youth on the misuse of drugs in January at Morningside.

The District Annual Meeting in April was well attended at Broadmoor. The Reverend Lawson Lee, former missionary in Uruguay, was guest speaker. Members of Women's Societies in Conference B in this area were invited to participate in this meeting and several attended.

District Executive Committee meetings were held in February, March, May, September, and November of 1969 and in February and April of 1970, for the purposes of planning, evaluating, and carrying on the business of the District Women's Society. We have attempted to explain in various groups throughout the year the anticipated merger of Louisiana A and B conferences and how this relates to the Women's Society and Guild. We know that women are disturbed by issues and events in the church and in the world. We would hope that this restlessness will result in better involvement of local groups in honestly meeting issues and becoming a more vital movement for constructive witness and valid activity.

We look forward to the new year under the leadership of our new district president, Mrs. T. D. Wallace.

STATISTICS FOR LOUISIANA CONFERENCE A

District	Number		Number		Total
	Societies	Membership	Guilds	Membership	Membership
Alexandria	27	828	10	154	982
Baton Rouge	25	939	7	131	1,070
Hammond	31	738	9	132	870
Lafayette	27	984	8	154	1,138
Lake Charles	29	1,456	12	217	1,673
Monroe	43	1,415	16	274	1,689
New Orleans	29	1,399	7	123	1,522
Ruston	34	1,254	10	218	1,472
Shreveport	40	2,665	16	210	2,875
Total	285	11,678	95	1,613	13,291

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**WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD
LOUISIANA CONFERENCE A
THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**



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New Orleans, Louisiana
March 13 - 15, 1970**

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**JOURNAL OF THE
FIRST WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD WEEKEND
July 25-27, 1969**

Registration for the First Louisiana Conference A Guild Weekend began at 4:00 P.M., Friday, July 25, 1969, in the lobby of the James Dormitory, Centenary College, Shreveport, Louisiana. Mrs. Virginia Ward and Mrs. Helen Owen presided over the registration. Lafayette District led the evening meditation at 9:00 o'clock.

Saturday, July 26, began with Morning Watch in the dormitory parlor, led by representatives from Alexandria District. Registration was resumed at 8:00 o'clock concurrent with browsing in the Program Material Room with Mrs. Julia O'Quin in charge.

The First General Assembly was held in Smith Auditorium at 9:00 A.M. with the Conference Chairman, Miss Mildred Evans, presiding. After group singing of the theme hymn, "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee," Dr. B. C. Taylor extended a welcome on behalf of Centenary College.

Miss Evans introduced guests — Mrs. Cornelia Lake Smith, Women's Division Staff in the Nashville Area; Mrs. John L. Howe, Jr., Member-at-Large, Core Planning Group of the South Central Jurisdiction Society/Guild; Mrs. Elizabeth Thomas, Chairman of the Louisiana Conference B Guild; Mrs. E. Mae Calvin, District Guild Chairman of New Orleans District, Conference B.

Members of the Conference Guild Committee introduced by Miss Evans were: Mrs. Daisy Bergeron, Secretary; Miss Arline Tyler, Chairman of Committee on Nominations; District Chairmen, Mrs. Ruth Allen, Alexandria; Miss Lillian Kennedy, Baton Rouge; Miss Hermine Tate, Lafayette; Mrs. Rosa McCullough, Lake Charles; Mrs. Agnes Miller, Monroe; Miss Eleanor Goodman, New Orleans; and Mrs. Ella Price, Shreveport. Members of the Women's Society of Christian Service on the Guild Committee introduced were Mrs. C. B. McGowan, President; Mrs. W. B. Gardner, Treasurer; Mrs. R. E. Carter, Chairman of Program Area, Christian Social Relations; and Mrs. Gilbert Bandel, Chairman of Program Area, Missionary Education. Miss Evans introduced and expressed thanks to Mrs. Ward and Mrs. Owen for their work with registration and housing. Thanks were extended to Mrs. Robert M. Lindsey for serving as Arrangements Chairman and to Mrs. W. B. Mann who served as Chairman of Registration.

Attention was called to the program materials in the Program Material Room. Miss Evans mentioned the Wesleyan Service Guild Guidelines and several other specific items which she urged the members to preview and purchase. Also, she called attention to the Interest Centers which were prepared for the School of Mission and left for the Guild in Room 121 of James Dormitory.

Miss Evans announced that a called meeting of the Conference Guild Committee would be held at 4:30 P.M., in Room 117 of James Dormitory.

Following a break persons attending their first Guild Weekend were presented with a red flower to be worn. These were presented by Mrs. McCullough, whose sister had prepared them. Mrs. Agnes Miller introduced Mrs. Minza Rabun and Miss Grace Lawson who had attended all twenty-three Guild Weekends.

The mission studies were presented by the delegates to the Gulf Regional School of Christian Mission. Mrs. Agnes Miller reviewed the content of the study, "Toward Understanding China and the Chinese People." Mrs. Daisy Bergeron lifted up the study, "Reconciliation in a Broken World," with Mrs. Owen and Mrs. Ward assisting in the presentation of a thought-provoking drama. Miss Arline Tyler reviewed the study, "Being a Christian in a New Day," suggesting methods of presentation in the local units and using

materials which she and her class at School of Mission had used the previous week.

The singing of the Guild Hymn opened the afternoon session at 1:45. Miss Evans introduced Mrs. Robert Allen, new Chairman of Ruston District Guild. Miss Evans asked that the evaluation sheets found in the packets be completed and left on the registration table no later than Sunday morning.

Instruction was given by Miss Evans for dividing into Orientation Groups, which was done immediately. Serving as leaders of these groups were Mrs. Bandel, Miss Marilynn Carter, Mrs. Gardner, Miss Dorothy Dunbar, and Miss Elizabeth Langford.

When the Assembly reconvened at 4:00 o'clock Mrs. Gardner discussed several sources which would be helpful to local units, such as **Methodist Women Give to Missions, Your Other Self**, the **Prayer Calendar**, and others. She also discussed types of payments to missions as pledge, World Bank, and special memberships. She reminded that local units are to report in August and December, 1969. There will be four reports in 1970 on the first day of March, June, September and December.

The evening meeting was convened in the Orientation Groups at 7:00 o'clock. Miss Evans presided when the Assembly came together at 7:45. Following a short hymn sing, Miss Evans introduced Mrs. Cornelia Lake Smith who spoke about the structure of the Board of Missions, with particular emphasis on the Women's Division, the Women's Society and the Guild. Stating that only about five per cent of Methodist women belong to either the Women's Society or the Guild, Mrs. Smith challenged the group to involve the working women of the Church in the Guild by involving them in a project. Among other suggestions for improvement on the local level, Mrs. Smith said the day has past when the Wesleyan Service Guild meets and eats, only.

Mrs. John L. Howe, Jr., discussed task groups, pointing out that a task group begins with one person who is interested in what is going on in the community.

For the closing worship Miss Evans used the Prayer Calendar, reading the names of missionaries listed for the day and the prayer.

Sunday Morning Watch at 7:00 o'clock was in charge of the Lake Charles District. General Assembly at 8:30 A.M. was opened by Miss Evans. After the group sang the theme hymn, Miss Evans introduced Mrs. Packer of Slidell Guild who, in turn, introduced two members with her. These persons are in the new Hammond District.

Reports were made from the several Orientation Groups by Mrs. Packer, Mrs. Ola Allen, Mrs. Gardner, Mrs. Tatum, and Miss Kennedy. All reports indicated that much help was obtained in promoting the work of the Guild.

A short business session was held beginning at 9:30. Miss Evans announced that the offering today will be sent to missions in honor of Mrs. John Howe and Mrs. Cornelia Lake Smith, and in memory of Mrs. Bessie Fairley.

The Secretary read the following recommendation from the Conference Committee: that the Conference A Wesleyan Service Guild cooperate with the total church in the cooperative Weekend School of Mission. Miss Kennedy moved that the recommendation be adopted. Carried.

The following recommendation also was read: that the Louisiana Conference A Guild recommend that the Prayer Calendar be published and made available on the same date as the program materials and before the School of Mission. Miss Tyler explained that since the materials and the Prayer Calendar are not available at the same time, but that the latter is available at the end of the calendar year, its use is not as widespread as it would be if it were

available at the same time the program materials are. Mrs. Ruth Allen moved the adoption of this recommendation. Carried.

Reporting for the Committee on Registration and Housing, Mrs. Ward gave the following registrations by districts: Alexandria 9, Baton Rouge 4, Hammond 3, Lafayette 4, Lake Charles 17, Monroe 15, New Orleans 5, Ruston 6, and Shreveport 15. There were four W.S.C.S. Conference officers and four guests, making a total of 86 persons present.

District Chairmen were urged to promote Guild Weekend next year. Miss Evans reminded the Assembly of the following:

Mid-Year Committee Meeting, October 18-19, Alexandria
World Understanding Workshop, October 24-25, 1969, Alexandria
Annual Spring Meeting, March 13-15, 1970, New Orleans
Assembly, May 7-10, 1970, Houston
Regional School of Christian Mission, June 15-19, 1970, Mt. Sequoyah.

Miss Elizabeth Langford and Mrs. R. E. Carter told about attending a Regional Workshop on World Understanding and Economic Opportunity. They gave more detailed information about the workshop to be held in Alexandria in October.

Miss Langford expressed gratitude to Miss Evans for her leadership and suggested that the entire group cooperate with her by going back into the local Guilds and working harder.

Miss Evans told about the banners to be created by the districts and stated that one from each district will be brought to the Annual Meeting in March. The best will be selected at that time to be sent to the Assembly.

Mrs. Bennett Steere led the group in a short memorial for Mrs. Fairley.

After the break the Closing Celebration was led by Mrs. Ola Allen of Ruston District. She presented the Bell Choir under the leadership of Mrs. Jean Ford of Homer; Mrs. Pauline Hicks and Mr. Harold Flurry, soloist and accompanist; and Mrs. Grace Shackelford who spoke on "The Apostle's Creed — An Interpretation for Today." Following the soloist's rendition of "The Lord's Prayer," Miss Evans declared the First Annual Guild Weekend adjourned.

Daisy F. Bergeron, Secretary

CALLED COMMITTEE MEETING

A called meeting of the Conference Guild Committee was held at 4:30 in Room 117 of James Dormitory, July 26, 1969. Present were Miss Mildred Evans, Chairman; Mrs. Cornelia Lake Smith of the Board of Missions; Mrs. Daisy Bergeron, Secretary; Mrs. Rosa McCullough; Mrs. Max Allen; Miss Lillian Kennedy; Mrs. Agnes Miller; Miss Arline Tyler; Mrs. R. E. Carter; Mrs. W. B. Gardner; Mrs. C. B. McGowan, Women's Society of Christian Service Conference President; Mrs. Elizabeth Thomas, Louisiana Conference B Chairman; Mrs. Ella Price; Miss Hermine Tate; Mrs. E. Mae Calvin; Mrs. Gilbert Bandel; Miss Eleanor Goodman; and Mrs. Ola Allen.

Miss Evans presided. She suggested that the offering be given to missions in honor of Mrs. Cornelia Lake Smith and Mrs. John Howe and in memory of Mrs. Bessie Fairley. Motion was made and carried.

Miss Evans presented a letter regarding the Assembly to be held in May, from Theresa Hoover of the Women's Division. The letter was inviting each conference to send to Houston

a banner designed by members of that conference. Information regarding the making of the banners was read. Promotion of attendance at the Assembly was also discussed. Mrs. Ella Price made a motion that each district prepare a banner to be displayed at the Annual Meeting in March, and that the best one be selected at that time to be taken to the Assembly. Carried.

Miss Evans told the Committee that she is a member of the Conference Committee for Mission appointed to go into the question of a cooperative weekend School of Christian Mission which would involve the entire church and all Boards of the Louisiana Conference A, the Women's Society of Christian Service and the Wesleyan Service Guild. Mrs. Dameron is chairman of the committee. This committee needs to know by January whether the Wesleyan Service Guild will be a part of the project. If we consent to do this, the cooperative weekend School of Christian Mission next year would be July 25-26. The dates of July 24-26, 1970, have been booked as Guild Weekend. The School would not begin until about 2:30 o'clock Saturday and end at noon Sunday. If we want to have our Guild Weekend we could start it on Friday night and conclude on Saturday at noon. This Cooperative Weekend School of Christian Mission will not take away from the four day School of Christian Mission and will include Conference B. The studies for 1970 are Psalms, Communicating the Gospels, The Americas, How Many Worlds?

Miss Tyler moved that the Wesleyan Service Guild cooperate with the total church in the Cooperative Weekend School of Christian Mission. Miss Kennedy seconded. Carried.

Miss Tyler moved that the Louisiana Conference A Wesleyan Service Guild recommend that the Prayer Calendar be published and made available on the same dates as the program material and before the School of Mission. Mrs. McGowan seconded. Carried.

The meeting was adjourned by Miss Evans.

Daisy F. Bergeron, Secretary

MID-YEAR MEETING OF THE CONFERENCE WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD COMMITTEE

Alexandria, Louisiana October 18-19, 1969

The Annual Mid-Year Meeting of the Louisiana Conference A Wesleyan Service Guild Committee opened at 2:00 P.M., October 18, 1969, at Holiday Inn, Alexandria, with Miss Mildred Evans, Conference Chairman, presiding. Opening worship was led by Mrs. Vera Packer of Hammond District.

The roll call was answered by Miss Evans, Mrs. Daisy F. Bergeron, Miss Arline Tyler, Mrs. Max Allen, Miss Lillian Kennedy, Mrs. Packer, Miss Hermine Tate, Mrs. Rosa McCullough, Mrs. Austin Miller, Mrs. Robert Allen, Mrs. C. B. McGowan, Mrs. W. B. Gardner, and Mrs. Gilbert Bandel.

Mrs. McGowan made a motion that cards be sent to absent members of the Committee. Motion carried.

The minutes of the Annual Meeting held in March and the Journal of Guild Weekend in July were approved following a motion by Mrs. Gardner.

Miss Evans read a letter from Mrs. L. C. Aycock regarding the status of the Annual Report, and she also read a letter from Mrs. John Howe expressing appreciation for the gift to missions made in honor of her and her husband. A letter from Mrs. Wayne W. Harrington relative to attendance at the Assembly in Houston in May, 1970, was read.

Appointed to the Journal Committee by Miss Evans were Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Packer and Miss Tate. Other committee appointments are:

Administrative: Miss Mildred Evans, Chairman

Mrs. Daisy Bergeron	Miss Hermine Tate
Miss Lillian Kennedy	Miss Arline Tyler

Budget: Miss Mildred Evans, Chairman

Mrs. W. B. Gardner	Mrs. Max Allen
Mrs. C. B. McGowan	Mrs. Rosa McCullough

By-laws and Standing Rules: Miss Lillian Kennedy, Chairman

Miss Mildred Evans	Mrs. C. B. McGowan
Mrs. Daisy Bergeron	Mrs. Austin Miller

Nominations: Miss Arline Tyler, Chairman

Mrs. Rosa McCullough	Miss Lillian Kennedy
Mrs. Cay Richardson	Mrs. Bee Sandefur

**Program: Miss Lillian Kennedy, Chairman, Annual Meeting
Chairman, Guild Weekend, To be elected**

Miss Mildred Evans	Mrs. W. B. Gardner
Mrs. Daisy Bergeron	Mrs. Robert Allen
Miss Arline Tyler	Miss D. Eleanor Goodman
Mrs. C. B. McGowan	Mrs. Ella Price

The Program Committee was asked to meet immediately prior to the evening meal.

The report of the President of Louisiana Conference A Women's Society of Christian Service was given by Mrs. C. B. McGowan. She expressed the hope that each district of the Guild will send its Chairman to the Assembly and that a large number of members will be in attendance. Mrs. McGowan announced that Miss Arline Tyler will be Dean for the Conference School of Christian Mission in 1970. Some of the basic plans for merger with Conference B, to begin in 1971, were also discussed.

As Conference Treasurer, Mrs. Gardner told of new certificates for Special Memberships. She gave the following financial statement for the Wesleyan Service Guild for the period beginning June 1, 1969:

Receipts:

Pledge to Missions.....	\$2,897.47
Special Memberships.....	480.25
In Remembrance Gifts.....	41.00
Thank Offering.....	61.00
World Bank.....	95.61
Total.....	\$3,575.33
Call to Prayer.....	16.00
Supplementary Gifts (World).....	39.54
Supplementary Gifts (National).....	12.87
Other.....	10.00
Total.....	\$78.41

The total submitted by both the Guild and the Women's Society of Christian Service was \$25,639.56, which should have been half of the pledge for the seven-month period. Members of the Committee were referred to the financial figures of the Annual Report.

Mrs. Gardner pointed out the new method of handling the District Cultivation Fund. It is to be sent through regular channels to the Conference Treasurer. The budget for each district was to have been worked out with the District Treasurer, District President, and the District Chairman of the Guild. In January, 1970, \$100.00 will be placed in each district for cultivation, and this amount will be made available at the beginning of each subsequent quarter.

Mrs. Miller moved that a maximum of \$6.00 be allowed for meals for this meeting. Carried.

Copies of the reports made by the District Chairmen are in the files of the Secretary.

Mrs. Bandel made a brief report and announced that the Mt. Sequoyah School of Missions will be June 14-19, 1970.

Miss Tate and Miss Marilynn Carter, who had arrived at 4:45, reported on the work done by the task group to which they had been named chairmen at the Annual meeting.

The report of the Committee on Nominations was made by Miss Tyler. Inasmuch as it had been suggested that present officers serve an additional year, or until merger has been effected, the committee nominated Miss Mildred Evans as Chairman of Louisiana Conference A Wesleyan Service Guild to serve until a chairman is chosen following merger. Also, the committee nominated Miss Tyler, present Chairman of the Committee on Nominations, to continue in that office.

Mrs. Miller made a motion that the report and recommendations of the Committee on Nominations be accepted and that the scheduled outgoing officers be retained for an additional year, including the members of the Committee on Nominations. Carried.

Miss Evans suggested that the members of the Committee consider the selection of the three delegates to the Gulf Regional School of Christian Mission. The pattern for attendance is now in the By-laws on page 115. Our own by-laws should be reviewed to elect the three delegates to come from the entire conference. This will also require some change in Standing Rule No. 4.

A copy of the Chairman's report made by Miss Evans is in the Secretary's files. Miss Evans asked that we be thinking about how we should be working with the Guilds of Conference B to facilitate the merger, whether we should invite them to Guild Weekend and whether we should invite those in the New Orleans area to attend our Annual Meeting.

In the absence of Mrs. Carter, Miss Evans spoke for her to give information relative to the World Understanding Workshop to be held in Alexandria, October 24 and 25, 1969.

Upon convening following the evening meal, Miss Evans reviewed letters from the Board of Missions. Names, addresses and information about employed women are needed.

Miss Evans told about the Leadership Laboratory she attended in Kansas City recently, which was an experience in goal setting. She expressed hope that our own meeting will be similar, giving us experience in setting goals for our own conference.

A letter from Elaine M. Gasser, Assistant General Secretary, was read by Miss Evans.

Miss Kennedy led in prayer at the close of the evening session.

Mrs. W. B. Gardner, Conference Treasurer, led the group in a prayer litany and then presented the proposed pledge of \$25,254.00 for 1970, shown by districts as follows:

Alexandria.....	\$2,601.00	Monroe.....	\$3,690.00
Baton Rouge.....	1,500.00	New Orleans.....	3,000.00
Hammond.....	2,000.00	Ruston.....	3,072.00
Lafayette.....	2,146.00	Shreveport.....	3,607.00
Lake Charles.....	3,638.00		

The following proposed budget was presented by Mrs. Gardner.

Office Expenses	\$200.00
Annual Meeting.....	600.00
Mid-Year Committee Meeting	375.00
Guild Weekend.....	200.00
Regional School of Christian Mission	350.00
Jurisdictional Cultivation.....	100.00
Committees.....	100.00
Promotion.....	50.00
Assembly (Houston)	250.00
Miscellaneous.....	75.00
Total.....	\$2,300.00

Mrs. Gardner moved the adoption of the proposed pledge and budget. Carried.

Miss Kennedy reported as Chairman of the Program Committee for the Annual Meeting. Mrs. Miller made a motion that Miss Evans and the local committee be authorized to handle the problem of the price and subsidizing of the banquet for the Annual Meeting and the registration fee, each to be in line with the discussion of the Conference Committee. Carried.

Miss Tyler nominated Mrs. Ola Allen as Chairman of the Program for Guild Weekend. Carried.

Miss Tyler reported for the Committee on Nominations and made the motion that Miss Evans, Mrs. Packer and Miss Tate be named delegates to the Assembly May 7-10, 1970, with the \$250.00 prorated among them on the basis of expenses, and that one person from each district be elected within the district as a delegate with the expenses paid by the district or by personal funds. Carried.

Miss Tyler moved that Miss Kennedy, Mrs. Ruth Allen and Mrs. Miller be named as alternates to attend the Assembly. Carried.

Each District Chairman was asked to submit two additional names of persons who may be able to attend the Assembly.

Miss Kennedy reported for the Committee on By-laws and Standing Rules. Article 6, Section (b) of the By-laws should be changed to make it possible for an officer to serve only two years, rather than four, with the privilege of being re-elected, and no officer to serve more than four consecutive years. Miss Kennedy moved that the By-laws be revised to make this change. Carried.

Standing Rule 4 should be changed so that if it is not possible to get three delegates to the Gulf Regional School of Christian Mission from the Guild Committee, other persons may be elected. Miss Kennedy's motion that this change be made was carried.

Miss Tate moved that members of Conference B in the New Orleans area be invited to attend the Annual Meeting at their own expense, and that we also invite the Chairman of Conference B Guild to our Committee Meeting and the Annual Meeting at her own expense. Carried.

Mrs. McCullough moved that the meeting adjourn. Carried.

Miss Evans closed the meeting by leading a worship service.

Daisy F. Bergeron, Secretary

WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD CONFERENCE COMMITTEE MEETING

Saturday, March 14, 1970

The Louisiana Conference Wesleyan Service Guild Committee met in the Jung Hotel, New Orleans, Louisiana, on Saturday, March 14, 1970, at 7:30 A.M. Prior to breakfast, prayer was led by Miss Mildred Evans, Conference Chairman.

Roll call was answered by Miss Evans, Mrs. Daisy Bergeron, Miss Arline Tyler, Mrs. Max Allen, Miss Lillian Kennedy, Mrs. Vera Packer, Miss Hermine Tate, Mrs. Rosa McCullough, Mrs. Austin Miller, Miss D. Eleanor Goodman, Mrs. Robert Allen, Mrs. C. B. McGowan, Mrs. W. B. Gardner, Mrs. Gilbert Bandel, and Miss Marilyn Carter. Miss Evans introduced Mrs. Mary Helen Leslie, representative on the Division Guild Committee.

Mrs. McCullough moved that cards be sent to absent members of the Committee. Carried.

Miss Evans read a letter from Mrs. A. A. Knox of the Louisiana Methodist advising that she will not be present during the Saturday sessions of the Annual Meeting, but that she will be present Sunday. A letter from Mrs. Maxine Watkins, of Business Girls Inn, Shreveport, was read. She stated that she was sorry she could not be present. Letters were read from Mrs. Glenn Laskey, Mrs. R. E. Carter, and Mrs. George M. Chastain, Jr., each expressing her regrets that she could not be in attendance.

A letter from Mrs. Elizabeth Thomas was read in which she stated she could not attend because of a meeting in her area of Conference B Guilds. Regrets were received also from Mrs. Owinda Taplette.

Mrs. Austin Miller made a motion that the minutes of the Mid-Year Committee Meeting be approved as written. Carried.

Miss Evans made the following committee appointments: **Journal Committee:** Miss Lillian Kennedy, Mrs. Ruth Allen, and Mrs. Vera Packer. **Resolutions Committee:** Mrs. Austin Miller, Chairman; Mrs. Ola Allen and Mrs. Vera Packer.

Reporting for the Committee on Nominations, Miss Arline Tyler stated that at this time the committee has been unable to get nominees for the representatives to the Gulf Regional School of Christian Mission. She asked that the District Chairmen consider persons from their districts and give names to be submitted for vote Sunday morning. Elections can then be held in light of proposed amendments to the By-Laws and Standing Rules, copies to be found in the packets.

The program for the Annual Meeting to convene at 1:00 P.M. was presented.

Misses Tate and Carter reported on the work of the task group in Lafayette District. A copy of the report is on file in the Secretary's records. The Conference Committee gave a

vote of thanks to these ladies for their work as co-chairmen of this task group.

Miss Evans reported that plans are being made for the merger of Conferences A and B in June of 1971. She urged that every district work with Conference B now, to have as many meetings as possible together. The Annual Conferences will be held in Baton Rouge in 1971 on dates to be set later.

A letter from the Board of Missions was read by Miss Evans. It outlines the projects being worked on and suggested that we begin working on these also. One of these is a task group on membership. It was suggested by Miss Evans that the district Guild Chairmen work with the Executive Committee of the Women's Society of Christian Service to work out some plans for such a task group. Other task groups are working on spiritual growth, and orientation in missions. Each district Chairman was sent a copy of the letter and Miss Evans expressed hope that something is being done about the work in the districts.

The district Chairmen were reminded that if there are any new local presidents elected, they should notify Service Center of the changes, giving the names and addresses of the new presidents.

A letter from Mrs. R. E. Carter called attention to Christian Social Relations and World Understanding workshops. After a discussion of the latter, Miss Tyler made a motion that Miss Elizabeth Langford be asked to continue working with Mrs. Carter in the area of World Understanding and to assist the districts in working out something like this, if desired, and that the committee would suggest to the districts various task groups they might work on. Following the second by Mrs. McCullough, the motion was carried.

The Committee was reminded that as soon as elections are held one list of officers should be sent immediately from the local Guilds to the District Chairmen, and then by them to the Conference Secretary with a copy to the Conference Chairman.

Mrs. McGowan told that a Guild member, Miss Tyler, will be Dean of the Conference School of Christian Missions in July of 1970. In her report as Conference President of Women's Society of Christian Service, Mrs. McGowan reported on the recent meeting of the Women's Division, which followed a different pattern from recent years. Following orientation for members and guests, groups were formed with workers from both National and Foreign fields. Each group was to come up with a "picture" of the problem of the community in which one lived. A copy of this report is on file.

The Conference Treasurer, Mrs. Gardner, called attention to Miss Little's article on finances in the February response. This item should be brought to the attention of local Guilds. Mrs. Gardner reported that the pledge was not met for the seven-month period ending December 31, 1969.

Mrs. Bandel called attention to the "Comment" section of Louisiana Methodist. She urged that someone represent the Guilds at district meetings at which Rev. Lawson Lee, previously a missionary to Uruguay, will report. This will be a good prelude to the study on the Americas. Mrs. Bandel discussed plans being made for the Gulf Regional School of Christian Mission, and she urged those planning to attend to do so with an open mind. Mrs. Bandel told about the Conference on Extremism at which she and Mrs. McGowan represented Louisiana.

Because she could not be present, Mrs. Chastain sent a letter relative to her work as Chairman of Spiritual Growth, which was read by Miss Evans.

The District Chairmen made their reports, with Miss Tyler reporting for Mrs. Ella Price of Shreveport District. The written reports are on file.

The Committee members were reminded that the special offering for presentation at the Assembly should be sent to local treasurers by April 5.

Mrs. Mary Helen Leslie lifted up an atricle to be in April **response** regarding the changing life style of women. She stated that each Guild should use this as a basis for membership growth.

Miss Tyler expressed appreciation for the dedication of the Journal, the dedication having been made to Conference Chairmen of the Conference Guild.

A letter from the Rev. Garland Dean was read regarding the Cooperative Weekend School of Christian Mission, July 25-26, 1970. He requested the Guild to assist in the financial backing. Miss Tate made a motion that \$25.00 be taken from the miscellaneous fund and given to assist in helping with the School. Motion was carried.

A letter about the planned retirement of Miss Lillian Johnson was read. She will retire in August, but she is to be honored during Assembly in May with a reception and a scholarship fund will be established in her honor. Contributions for the fund should be sent in before the end of April.

Miss Tyler moved that \$100.00 of the offering during the Annual Meeting be given to the Lillian Johnson Scholarship Fund. Motion carried.

Mrs. Packer made a motion that if the offering exceeds \$100.00, the remainder be sent to missions in honor of Dr. G. W. Pomeroy. Carried.

Disposition of copies of **Guild Times** and old Journals was discussed. It was decided that Mrs. George Dameron would be contacted and if she does not need them, the copies will be destroyed.

The Committee adjourned to reconvene following the afternoon session of the Annual Meeting.

Upon reconvening in the Parlor of First United Methodist Church, New Orleans, a discussion was held of possible representatives to attend the Gulf Regional School of Christian Mission, particularly in light of changes in the Standing Rules. Mrs. Sara Fugler was recommended, and the District Chairmen were asked to consider their members who are in attendance at the Annual Meeting to find possible candidates.

The 1971 Annual Meeting is expected to be a Fall meeting. The Committee agreed to ask Miss Lillian Kennedy to serve as Chairman of the Program Committee. Mrs. Ola Allen was elected to serve as Chairman of the Program Committee for Guild Weekend, 1970, to be held on Friday evening and Saturday morning. Studies will not be presented at this meeting as they will be in the Weekend Cooperative School of Christian Mission to follow. It was decided that emphasis will be on leadership training. Registration will start at 4:00 P.M. on Friday, July 24. Following a motion by Miss Goodman, the Committee voted to recommend that Conference B Guilds be invited to participate in Guild Weekend.

In further planning for the Guild Weekend, the possibility of inviting someone from the Women's Division was discussed and it was decided to invite either Mrs. Boyd, Marian Baker, Elaine Gasser, or one who attends the School of Christian Mission the four days preceding Guild Weekend. The Program Committee was given authority to determine the theme. It was decided to begin the first session at 7:30 P.M., Friday, July 24, and to have a session from 8:00 to 11:30 A.M., Saturday, July 25. Living expenses will be \$2.50 per night for room, \$1.00 for supper, \$1.00 for breakfast and \$1.25 for lunch. Mrs. Miller made a motion that registration be \$2.00. Carried.

Report of Recording Secretary
Report of Committee on Nominations
Report of Committee on By-Laws and Standing Rules
Guild Hymn
Benediction
Adjournment

10:55 A.M. Worship ServiceFirst United Methodist Church

SECOND ANNUAL SPRING MEETING LOUISIANA CONFERENCE A WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD MARCH, 14-15, 1970

The second Annual Meeting of the Wesleyan Service Guild of Louisiana Conference A convened at 1:00 P.M. in the sanctuary of First United Methodist Church of New Orleans, with the Conference Chairman, Miss Mildred Evans, presiding. Welcomes were extended by Miss D. Eleanor Goodman, New Orleans District Chairman, and the Rev. Clyde S. Clark, host pastor, who then led the group in prayer.

The program was impressively presented by Miss Lillian Kennedy, Program Chairman. The order of the program was changed to include the reports of the Secretary and the Committee on By-Laws and Standing Rules in the Saturday afternoon session so that these would precede elections.

Rev. C. G. Fuller, Assistant Pastor of the host church, gave a brief explanation of the Service of Holy Communion to be followed. He and Rev. Clark led the service which was followed by the offering for missions.

The Secretary read the Journal and Resolutions Committee appointments made by Miss Evans in the Guild Committee meeting.

The Secretary read the recommendation from the Guild Committee that \$25.00 be taken from the Miscellaneous Fund and used to assist in financing the Weekend Cooperative School of Christian Mission, July 25-26, 1970. Following the explanation made by Miss Evans, motion was made and carried that this be done.

Following the reading of the recommendation that \$100.00 of the offering for missions be given to the Lillian Johnson Scholarship Fund, and that any amount exceeding \$100.00 go to missions in honor of Rev. Dr. G. W. Pomeroy, Mrs. Ella Mae Callahan made a motion that the recommendation be accepted. Carried.

The Secretary read the recommendation of the Committee that Miss Elizabeth Langford be asked to continue working with Mrs. R. E. Carter on World Understanding and to assist the districts to work out something like this, if desired, and that the committee would suggest to the districts various task groups they might work on. Miss Langford discussed the work of the previous year and the hope that the Guilds would be more responsive. Mrs. Rosa McCullough made the motion that the recommendation be accepted. Carried.

A discussion of the recommended changes in the By-Laws and Standing Rules was led by Miss Lillian Kennedy, Committee Chairman, who referred to the copies in the packets. (A copy is included in the Secretary's files.) Miss Kennedy moved the adoption of the proposed change in the By-Laws making the term of office two years, with privilege of re-election for a second term, rather than a four-year term. Motion carried.

Miss Kennedy made a motion that the Standing Rules be amended to make it possible to elect representatives to the Gulf Regional School of Christian Mission from the Conference membership when there are not three available members from the Conference Guild

Committee. Carried.

Following a coffee break the Procession of Banners was held. The winning Guild banner was that of Hammond District, prepared by Mrs. Sara Fugler of Greensburg. Other very good banners were viewed and expressions of appreciation to all who worked on them were made by Miss Evans.

A copy of the report made by Miss Evans as Conference Chairman is on file. Miss Langford made a motion that a copy of the report be sent to every Guild in the Conference and printed in the **Louisiana Methodist**. Carried.

Miss Evans reported that the offering, not including the sale of bookmarks, was \$112.00.

Following the singing of the Guild Hymn a very impressive pledge service was led by Mrs. W. B. Gardner, Conference Treasurer, who was assisted by the District Chairmen. Pledges were made by districts as follows:

Alexandria.....	\$2,601.00
Baton Rouge.....	1,500.00
Hammond.....	2,000.00
Lafayette.....	2,146.00
Lake Charles.....	3,638.00
Monroe.....	3,690.00
New Orleans.....	3,000.00
Ruston.....	3,072.00
Shreveport.....	3,607.00
Total.....	\$25,254.00

The Banquet was held in Terrace Suites of the Jung Hotel at 7:00 P.M., with Miss Evans presiding. The Rev. J. P. McKeithen gave the invocation. Introductions of special guests were made by Miss Evans. A most inspiring address, titled, "God's Holy Fire", was given by Dr. G. W. Pomeroy, New Orleans District Superintendent. Benediction was pronounced by the Rev. Kenneth McDowell.

SUNDAY, MARCH 15, 1970

The business session was held in Terrace Suites 1 and 2 of Jung Hotel at 8:30 A.M., with Miss Evans presiding.

The Secretary read the recommendation from the Guild Committee that Conference B Guild be invited to participate in Guild Weekend. Motion was made by Mrs. Velma Thomas and seconded by Miss Lillian Kennedy, that the recommendation be accepted. Carried.

Miss Evans reported that she had received a letter from Mrs. Cornelia Smith relative to her visit to our Conference last year and expressing hope that she will again be invited at a later date.

Miss Tyler read the report of the Committee on Nominations submitting the name of Miss Evans as Chairman of Louisiana Conference A Wesleyan Service Guild, to serve until merger has been effected. Miss Tyler moved that the report be accepted. With the Secretary presiding, the motion was carried.

Miss Tyler reported that the Committee on Nominations named as nominees for delegates to the West Gulf Regional School of Christian Mission, June 15-19, 1970, Mrs. Daisy Bergeron, Mrs. Sara Fugler, and one of the new District Chairmen to be elected soon. Following Miss Tyler's motion that the report be accepted, the motion was carried.

The Secretary read the recommendation from the Conference Guild Committee in its October meeting, that the present Committee on Nominations remain in office another year, pending merger of the two conferences. Motion was made by Mrs. Rosa McCullough, seconded by Mrs. Kathryn Wallace, that the recommendation be accepted. Carried.

Mrs. W. B. Gardner explained the offering for the Assembly, which is to be a love offering in the local units to be sent to the Conference Treasurer who will present it at Assembly. This will be a designated fund which will not count on pledges to missions at any level. This money will be used for the "development of women in undeveloped countries." April 10 is the deadline for the District Treasurer to receive the money.

Mrs. Gloria Bennett spoke about the use of **Louisiana Methodist** and the information we can get from it for help in our work. Miss Tyler told about an arrangement whereby her local church has sufficient subscriptions to enable them to have a special page inserted for that local church. Miss Langford stated that she would like to see a Guild page, perhaps once a month. Mrs. A. A. Knox, introduced by Miss Evans as representing the **Louisiana Methodist**, encouraged this, stating that it would only require the material to be sent in. Miss Langford made a motion that a committee be appointed to investigate the Conference Guild having a page in the **Louisiana Methodist**. Miss Tate seconded the motion. Carried.

Miss Lillian Kennedy moved that the naming of the committee be placed in the hands of the Administrative Committee. Mrs. Ola Allen seconded. Carried.

Misses Marilynn Carter and Hermine Tate reported on the work of the Pilot Task Group in Lafayette District. A copy is on file. Miss Evans expressed hope that the District Chairmen will try something like this in their own districts.

Miss Tyler expressed thanks to the Co-chairmen and to Lafayette District for their work on the task group. A rising vote of thanks followed.

Miss Tyler announced that the Louisiana Conference School of Christian Mission will be July 21-24, 1970.

Guild Weekend plans were discussed and Miss Evans reported that the Guild Committee had recommended that Mrs. Ola Allen serve as Program Chairman. Mrs. Callahan made a motion that Mrs. Allen be approved as Program Chairman. Miss Langford seconded. Carried.

Miss Evans reported further that the Committee expects to make Guild Weekend a type of leadership training for both district and local officers. The Conference Program Area Chairmen of the Women's Society of Christian Service and the Conference Chairman will go to Cincinnati in April for a Special Leadership Training Meeting.

The Conference Treasurer, Mrs. Gardner, reported the offering was \$112.00 plus \$58.00 from the sale of bookmarks. This will be \$100.00 for the Lillian Johnson Scholarship Fund and \$70.00 for missions in honor of Dr. Pomeroy.

Miss Evans recognized the chairmen of the committees in New Orleans District who worked in preparing and carrying out the Annual Meeting. These chairmen and their committee members were given a standing vote of thanks by the entire group.

Attention was called to the list of dates in the packets. Miss Evans stressed the School of Christian Mission, Guild Weekend, and the Cooperative Weekend School of Mission, as well as the Mid-Year Committee meeting, October 17-18, 1970, at Holiday Inn, Alexandria.

Miss Kennedy extended an invitation for the Annual Meeting to be held at First United Methodist Church in Baton Rouge in 1971. Miss Evans reported that the Committee had recommended that Miss Kennedy serve as Program Chairman for that meeting. Mrs. Maude

Claflin moved that Miss Kennedy be accepted as Chairman. Carried.

Miss Langford urged that the districts work to organize new Guild units. She hopes to be able to present the Elizabeth Langford Award in July.

Miss Evans referred to an article in response entitled "Choose Life" and she suggested that it be used for a program by the time of the Assembly.

The Chairman on Registration reported that 116 persons registered, with 116 present for the banquet. Those in attendance by districts were:

Alexandria.....	3
Baton Rouge.....	12
Hammond.....	7
Lafayette.....	6
Lake Charles.....	11
Monroe.....	14
New Orleans.....	54
Ruston.....	1
Shreveport.....	10

District Chairmen were asked to take some bookmarks to sell in the districts to raise more money for missions.

Mrs. Agnes Miller, Mrs. Ola Allen, and Mrs. Vera Packer reported for the Resolutions Committee. A copy of the report is in the files.

Miss Evans declared the Annual Meeting adjourned. A Service of Worship followed.

Daisy F. Bergeron, Secretary

REPORT OF THE WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD CONFERENCE A CHAIRMAN MISS MILDRED EVANS

You have come to this, our second annual meeting, opened today with an inspiring service of Holy Communion, for inspiration, knowledge and guidance in your work as members and leaders in the Wesleyan Service Guild and Women's Society of Christian Service of Louisiana Conference "A".

Your program committee has made every effort to plan for you the kind of meeting you want. Your Conference Guild Committee does its very best and works diligently to give you the guidance and leadership you need and desire. How well we succeed in our efforts, however, depends largely on you -- the members. When you do not come to your annual meeting and your Guild Weekend or any Conference event planned for you, the members, then we are just "spinning our wheels". This is your Guild and as members you have a responsibility for its work, growth and success throughout the Louisiana Conference.

The past year has brought changes both good and bad to the Louisiana Conference "A" Wesleyan Service Guild. We no longer have a Conference newspaper. We have lost units and members. On the brighter side, we have seen the birth of a new district, the formation of a task group to work on the education and directive areas of the Wesleyan Service Guild and its relation to the Women's Society of Christian Service and the local church, and further steps taken to include Conference "B" Guild officers in our meetings.

We have been offered many opportunities for work and growth. Some of these

opportunities were in connection with the 1970 Assembly in Houston, Texas, May 7-10, 1970. One of these included the making of banners on the Assembly theme. The others were an opportunity for amateur film makers and the South Central Jurisdiction Society/Guild's contest for young women 35 years old and under.

The weekend of September 11-14, 1969, I had the privilege of participating in a laboratory on leadership and communication at the Center for Renewal on the campus of St. Paul's School of Theology in Kansas City, Missouri, led by Mr. Louis Mobley of IBM Corporation. We did not just "hear about" leadership. We experienced facets of it which are applicable in our work in the church as well as in our work-a-day jobs. We were given ideas for and practice in goal-setting, both long-range and short-term. Following Mr. Mobley's leadership, Miss Mary Lou VanBuren from the staff of the Women's Division assumed leadership in assisting each conference group in doing some exercising in goal-setting. This project was planned by the Society/Guild Core-Planning Group of the South Central Jurisdiction for the president, vice-president and Guild chairman of each conference and for members of any pilot groups in operation in the area.

Our Conference Guild Weekend held July 25-27, 1969, on the campus of Centenary College, had as its theme "All Things New". Our guests speakers and resource persons were Mrs. Cornelia Lake Smith, Women's Division Staff in the Nashville Area and Mrs. John L. Howe, Jr., Member-at-Large of Core-Planning Group, South Central Jurisdiction Society/Guild.

At our Guild Weekend it was unanimously decided that the Guild cooperate with the total church in a Cooperative Weekend School of Mission. This action for change offers another opportunity for growth.

The new Hammond District Guild was organized at an impressive meeting on Sunday afternoon, September 21, at the Elizabeth Sullivan Memorial United Methodist Church in Bogalusa, Louisiana. The District officers were installed, in a challenging service by Mrs. C. B. McGowan, President, Louisiana Conference "A" Women's Society of Christian Service. The officers elected were: Mrs. Vera Packer, District Chairman; Miss Louise Perritt, Secretary; and Mrs. Edith Liles, Chairman, Committee on Nominations.

Our pledge to missions given at our annual meeting last March for the period June 1, 1969, to December 31, 1969, was \$15,847.00. We did not meet this pledge. This means that some project or field of work will not receive the funds that are necessary for its operation. This means, too, that the membership failed in their responsibility and that the officers were not successful in their leadership.

Now that we have reviewed the past, let us briefly discuss the future — the year 1970-1971. What does it hold for us? Dare we accept the challenge of another year with all of its hope?

May I quote? "The new official emblem for the United Methodist Church combines the cross and a flame symbolizing the Holy Spirit. The new emblem for Women's Societies and Wesleyan Service Guilds likewise includes the cross and flame. The cross and flame are ancient symbols of the church dating back to the days of Christ and Pentecost. Each evokes images of sacrifice, witness and service. Both remind us of opportunities and obligations of discipleship. Paul's ancient words to Timothy have fresh and contemporary meaning: '... I now remind you to stir into flame the gift of God which is within you ...' (II Timothy 1:6 — NEB.)

As part of the emblem for the Women's Society and Wesleyan Service Guild these symbols remind us of our PURPOSE, that of helping women to grow in their understanding of and willingness to participate in the mission of the church. These also remind us of our heritage, of women who pioneered in service for the church at home and abroad and in

organizing women for mission service and support in many areas of need.

The shape of the emblem is likewise symbolic. It is fluid and freeflowing, suggesting change and mobility. As organized groups of women, this has been our heritage. Often at the forefront of movements for change, at times supporting the projects initiated by others; but always aware of the times and striving to move with them rather than be overwhelmed by them. The cross, the flame, and the individual with her abilities and opportunities — all elements of a 20th century movement for United Methodist Women."

The theme of our meeting is "O, That All Might Catch The Flame!" Are we willing to "Catch The Flame" and work to keep it living so that it becomes a fire? The answer to these questions depends on you — the members.

We need, want and desire new members — young women, particularly, and new units throughout our Conference. We need and desire good officers — leadership, if you will — interested, dedicated, responsible leaders. Let me quote, again: "In the middle ages, because so few people could read, one person led and others listened. Why do we continue this method today? Listening to wise statements and sound advice does little for anyone. In the process of learning, the learner's cooperation is necessary and must be provided for, because it does not happen automatically. "Telling" is not the best way to pass on knowledge to others.

It is thought that our desire to pass on our knowledge comes from the feeling of superiority that it gives us. If we are to become effective leaders, we must be mobile and assume responsibility, always remembering, however, that any information or fact we can give will not in itself improve for others, the insight, judgment or ability to act wisely. Knowledge and insight must be our own, gained through active thought and feeling on our part.

The years 1965-75 will record a change in society regarding leadership groups: ages 25-35 will increase 40%; 36-46 will decrease 8%; 47-57 will increase 6%; 58-65 will increase 16%. At present, leadership comes primarily from the 36-65 year groups; however, in the future more leadership will be coming from the 25-35 range. In addition, women, minorities and retired people will furnish more leadership than before.

Leadership is running low right now. Let us provide opportunities for strong give and take in groups, cultivate the art of exchanging ideas and learn from each other as we work for creative thinking and capable leadership."

Your opportunities for "give and take", for exchanging ideas and learning from each other are provided in such meetings as this, in our Annual Guild Weekend, in our Conference School of Christian Mission, in Regional School of Christian Mission, in District Meetings, in the local meetings and now in the newly formed Cooperative Weekend School of Mission.

As members with an obligation, we urge you to take advantage of these opportunities.

As we proceed through the year, working with the members of Conference "B", working to meet the pledge to missions the District Chairmen will make this afternoon, working to strengthen and increase our membership, my prayer and that of your Conference Officers and Guild Committee is that you will be responsible, involved, communicating members — living, selling and sharing Guild because the answer to our questions depends on you — the members. Your membership in the Wesleyan Service Guild is a responsibility.

It is to YOU that the Conference looks for membership growth.

It is YOU who must get involved and efficiently communicate.

It is YOU who creates and maintains a good GUILD image.

It is YOU who must live, sell and share GUILD.

It is YOU who must "Catch The Flame" and bring it to a living, continuing fire.

BY-LAWS OF LOUISIANA CONFERENCE A WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD

ARTICLE I — NAME

Within the Louisiana Conference A Women's Society of Christian Service there shall be for employed women a Conference Wesleyan Service Guild.

ARTICLE II — FUNCTION

The function of the Conference Wesleyan Service Guild shall be to plan and direct the work of the Guild within the conference in accordance with the constitution and by-laws of the Women's Division, with special emphasis on the mission of the church as related to the needs, interests, and concerns of employed women in church, community, and world affairs.

ARTICLE III — MEMBERSHIP

The members of the Conference Guild Committee, all former Conference Secretaries and/or Chairmen, the Recording Secretary, and Chairman of the Committee on Nominations in each district, and the elected delegates from local Guild units shall be members of the Conference Wesleyan Service Guild. This membership shall constitute the voting body at the annual meeting.

ARTICLE IV — ELECTED LEADERSHIP

SECTION 1. There shall be a Chairman of the Wesleyan Service Guild who shall be the presiding officer of the Conference Guild. There shall be a Recording Secretary and a Chairman of the Committee on Nominations.

SECTION 2. These officers shall be elected from the membership of the Wesleyan Service Guilds within the conference.

SECTION 3. (a) The Chairman of the Wesleyan Service Guild shall preside at the meetings of the Conference Guild and serve as chairman of the Committee of the Wesleyan Service Guild of the conference. She shall promote the work of the Guild within the conference; receive reports from district chairmen of the Guild; report annually to the Women's Society of Christian Service of the conference. In accordance with the pattern of the Women's Division she shall report to the executive secretary of the Wesleyan Service Guild of the Division. She shall attend, as far as possible, district meetings of the Guild. She shall be responsible for planning of meetings of the Conference Guild. She shall represent the Guild and present its interests at the meetings of the Conference Society, of which she shall be an official member. She shall be a member of the Executive Committee, and the Committees on Finance and School of Christian Mission of the Conference Society. She shall present a budget to the Committee on Finance of the Conference Society. She shall represent the Conference Guild at the Gulf Regional School of Christian Mission and the Louisiana Conference School of Christian Mission. She shall be an ex officio member of all committees of the Conference Guild except the Committee on Nominations. She shall be a delegate to meetings of the Jurisdiction Society/Guild.

(b) The Recording Secretary shall keep the minutes of the Conference Guild meetings and perform such other duties as may be authorized by the Conference Guild. She shall assist the Historian for the Conference Women's Society and Wesleyan Service Guild in securing information, particularly related to the Wesleyan Service Guild, for the historical records of the Conference Guild and Society.

ARTICLE V – COMMITTEES AND THEIR DUTIES

SECTION 1. (a) There shall be a Committee of the Wesleyan Service Guild of the conference composed of the Chairman of the Conference Guild, the Recording Secretary, the Chairman of the Committee on Nominations, the Chairmen of the Guild in the Districts, the President, the Treasurer, the Chairmen of the program areas for Christian Social Relations, Missionary Education, and Spiritual Growth of the Women's Society of Christian Service of the conference, members of the Committee of the Wesleyan Service Guild of the Women's Division and the Core Planning Group of the Jurisdiction Society/Guild residing within the conference, and such co-opted members as the work demands.

(b) The Committee of the Wesleyan Service Guild of the Conference shall plan the work of the Guild within the conference, including guild weekends and other programs and meetings in order to meet the needs and purposes of the Conference Guild. Task Groups may be organized as needed.

SECTION 2. (a) There shall be a Committee on Nominations composed of five members whose duty shall be to present nominations of all officers, of members of the Committee on Nominations, and of representatives to the Gulf Regional School of Christian Mission.

(b) The Committee shall seek to find qualified women as nominees.

SECTION 3. There shall be an Administrative Committee, composed of the Conference Chairman, who shall be the chairman, the Recording Secretary, and three other members of the Conference Guild Committee, who shall be appointed biennially by the Conference Chairman. The Administrative Committee shall transact only necessary business in the interim between meetings of Conference Guild Committee. It shall not change declared policy, the budget, or incur indebtedness.

SECTION 4. (a) There shall be a Committee on By-Laws and Standing Rules, composed of the Conference Chairman, the Recording Secretary, and three other members of the Conference Guild Committee, who shall be appointed biennially by the Conference Chairman.

(b) It shall be the duty of the Committee on By-Laws and Standing Rules to study all legislation concerning the program and structure of the Wesleyan Service Guild, and in keeping with new proposals and needs, to recommend appropriate revisions or additions to the current by-laws and standing rules. The committee shall be alert to the need for clarification in wording and for the elimination of overlapping, conflicting, or unnecessary items. It shall have authority to make editorial changes, and to incorporate in the by-laws of the conference any changes made by the Women's Division. The committee shall be prepared, upon request, to interpret the meaning and application of the by-laws and standing rules.

SECTION 5. (a) There shall be within the Conference Guild Committee a Budget Committee, composed of the Conference Chairman, who shall be the Committee Chairman, the Conference President, the Conference Treasurer, and two other members of the Guild Committee, who shall be appointed biennially by the Conference Chairman.

(b) It shall be the duty of the Committee to prepare, annually, the budget of the Conference Guild, to be presented by the Conference Chairman to the Committee on Finance of the Conference Society.

ARTICLE VI – ELECTIONS

SECTION 1. (a) The Conference Guild, in annual meeting, shall elect the officers of the

(b) A term of office shall be two years, with the privilege of reelection for a second term, and no officer shall hold the same office for more than four consecutive years.

(c) So that all vacancies shall not occur within the same year, the following pattern shall be the rule in the election of officers: at the second year of the quadrennium the Conference Chairman and three members of the Committee on Nominations shall be elected. At the fourth year of the quadrennium the Recording Secretary and two members of the Committee on Nominations shall be elected.

(d) A Chairman of the Committee on Nominations shall be elected biennially from the members of the Committee on Nominations by the Conference Guild in annual meeting. She shall be a member of the Conference Guild Committee irrespective of the tenure rule (See Section 8 that follows).

SECTION 2. In annual meeting, the Conference Guild shall elect three representatives to the Gulf Regional School of Christian Mission.

SECTION 3. Elections shall be by ballot, a majority vote constituting an election. Where there is only one candidate for an office, the election may be by voice.

SECTION 4. Officers shall assume their duties immediately upon election or appointment. The out-going officers shall make the necessary reports.

SECTION 5. The election of the Conference Chairman of the Guild shall be confirmed by the Conference Women's Society.

SECTION 6. Three or more years of an unexpired term of a Conference officer shall be considered a full term.

SECTION 7. Vacancies occurring ad interim shall be filled for the remainder of the term involved by the Conference Wesleyan Service Guild Committee.

SECTION 8. Tenure on the Committee of the Conference Wesleyan Service Guild for elected leadership shall be limited to a total of eight years unless a woman is elected to serve as Chairman of the Conference Guild.

ARTICLE VII – MEETINGS

SECTION 1. There shall be an annual meeting of the Conference Wesleyan Service Guild, where reports shall be received and necessary business transacted. All regular elections will be held at this meeting.

SECTION 2. There shall be an annual Guild weekend meeting, dates to be determined by the conference committee. All necessary business may be transacted at this annual weekend.

SECTION 3. The annual meeting and annual Guild weekend are designated as regular business meetings.

ARTICLE VIII – AMENDMENTS

SECTION 1. Amendments to these by-laws, pertaining only to the Louisiana Conference A, may be made at meetings of the conference, provided the proposed amendments shall be sent to the Committee of the Conference Guild thirty days before the meeting, and the

Committee has had an opportunity to approve the proposed amendments before they are submitted to the membership.

SECTION 2. Additional by-laws may be made and amended by the Louisiana Conference A Wesleyan Service Guild provided they are in harmony with the Women's Division Constitution and By-Laws for the Conference Guild.

STANDING RULES

RULE 1. At the Annual Meeting and the Guild Weekend there shall be one voting delegate for each twenty (20) members or major fraction thereof in each local unit. Each unit shall have at least one (1) voting delegate.

RULE 2. (a) There shall be at least two meetings of the Conference Guild Committee each year. One of these shall be in connection with the annual meeting. The other shall be a mid-year meeting, the date to be designated by the Administrative Committee.

(b) There shall be a program of training in Guild work within each district, to be directed by the district Guild Committee.

RULE 3. A Committee on Journal shall be appointed at each meeting to review the minutes of the Recording Secretary before they are mailed out to the members of the Conference Guild Committee. Such mailing shall be made as soon as possible after each meeting.

RULE 4. The three elected representatives to the Gulf Regional School of Christian Mission shall be Guild members of the Conference Guild Committee if possible. In the event there are not three available members from the Conference Guild Committee, then Guild members of the Conference Guild may be elected on recommendation of the nominating committee. They shall have responsibility for reporting to the Conference Guild Weekend.

RULE 5. (a) Expenses of the Annual Meeting shall be paid from the Conference Cultivation Fund. This includes expenses of the members of the Conference Guild Committee for mileage, room and meals.

(b) Expenses of the members of the Conference Guild Committee to the mid-year meeting of the Conference Guild Committee shall be paid from the Conference Cultivation Fund.

(c) Expenses of the following Conference Guild Committee members to Conference Guild Weekend shall be paid from the Conference Cultivation Fund: the Conference Chairman, the Recording Secretary, co-opted Guild members to the committee, and Women's Society members of the committee.

(d) Expenses of the District Chairmen to Conference Guild Weekend shall be paid from District Cultivation Funds.

(e) Expenses of the Conference Chairman and the three elected representatives to the Gulf Regional School of Christian Mission shall be paid from the Conference Cultivation Fund. Travel shall be in one car and seven cents per mile shall be paid from the Conference Cultivation Fund. If they elect to travel in separate cars, they shall prorate the allowed expense of seven cents per mile.

(f) Transportation by car for members of the Conference Guild Committee on official business within the Conference shall be allowed at seven cents per mile. Car pools are recommended and care should be exercised to accommodate four persons in a car whenever

possible. When elected conference and district officers of the Wesleyan Service Guild and the Women's Society of Christian Service and other riders travel together in a car, each person should share in the expense of the car, the conference officer charging her prorata share to the conference, and the district officer charging hers to the district, and other riders assuming their share in the expenses of the car.

(g) If any designated person elects to travel by means other than above, she shall do so at her own expense.

(h) All expense accounts shall be approved by the Conference Chairman.

(i) All funds over and above expenses at any conference meeting, with the exception of special offerings shall be directed to Conference Cultivation Fund.

(j) The Conference Treasurer shall disburse all funds.

RULE 6. The district cultivation fund shall be on the basis of 30 cents per member.

RULE 7. When death occurs among members of the Conference Guild Committee, to members of their immediate families, or to relatives living within their homes, an 'In Remembrance Gift' of \$5.00 shall be sent as a memorial.

RULE 8. The retiring Conference Chairman of the Wesleyan Service Guild shall be a member of the Conference Guild Committee for one year following her term of office.

RULE 9. A member of the Conference Guild Committee shall be a member of the District Guild Committee of the district wherein she resides.

RULE 10. (a) The Registration Chairman for the Annual Meeting or other meetings of the Conference Wesleyan Service Guild shall, not later than 30 days after the close of the meeting, render to the Conference Treasurer an itemized and written statement of all Receipts and Disbursements, showing any surplus or deficit.

(b) Surplus funds from the Annual Meeting and all other meetings of the Conference Wesleyan Service Guild shall be paid to the Conference Treasurer, when the itemized and written statement is submitted, and shall be added to the Conference Cultivation Fund. In the event of a deficit unpaid bills shall be submitted to the Conference Chairman for approval and paid by the Conference Treasurer.

(c) It shall be the responsibility to the District Chairman of the District responsible for registration to see that this rule is followed.

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CALENDAR FOR THE TREASURERS

June 1 — December 31,
1970

Local Guild treasurer report due treasurer local society

First Quarter August 20, 1970
Second Quarter December 1, 1970

Local Society Treasurer report District treasurer

First Quarter August 25, 1970
Second Quarter December 5, 1970

District treasurer report Conference treasurer

First Quarter September 5, 1970
Second Quarter December 15, 1970

Conference treasurer report Women's Division

First Quarter September 15, 1970
Second Quarter December 31, 1970

All treasurers will close their books December 31, 1970 and will then set their books up for the calendar year to be the fiscal year.

January 1 — December 31, 1971

Local Guild treasurer report due treasurer local Society

First Quarter March 1, 1971
Second Quarter June 1, 1971
Third Quarter September 1, 1971
Fourth Quarter December 1, 1971

Local treasurer report District treasurer

First Quarter March 10, 1971
Second Quarter June 10, 1971
Third Quarter September 10, 1971
Fourth Quarter December 10, 1971

District treasurer report Conference treasurer

First Quarter March 20, 1971
Second Quarter June 20, 1971
Third Quarter September 20, 1971
Fourth Quarter December 20, 1971

Conference treasurer report Women's Division

First Quarter March 28, 1971
Second Quarter June 28, 1971
Third Quarter September 28, 1971
Fourth Quarter December 31, 1971

All treasurers will close their books December 31, 1971 and will have completed their year's work with the calendar year being the fiscal year.

